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Transfer limits can't work, PSL too timid

The Age of Innocence is still with us and there's something truly charming about it.

Last week the PSL top brass announced in Sydney that they would introduce regulations to curb the ridiculous transfer fees; a limit of \$20,000 was suggested by deputy PSL chairman Tony Labbozzetta.

How they arrived at this mystical figure is not known; why is \$19,999 acceptable and \$20,001 ludicrously high?

But never mind the figures, obviously plucked out of thin air; it's the whole concept that's naive, not the arbitrary limit.

Transfer fees cannot be controlled by legislation. Not

here, not in Britain, not even in the regimented Eastern Bloc countries. So long as there are clubs willing and able to pay the fee demanded, the free market forces will determine a player's value, not committees.

If our leading administrators did know a bit about soccer history they would realise that all attempts in overseas countries to control transfer fees have failed. Simply because it's impossible to police the regulations.

Let's take the hypothetical case of Joe Blow whose



Andrew Dettre

will then offer the stipulated \$20,000 for Joe Blow — PLUS extra incentive under the table. And it's that part of the deal that will be impossible to control unless you have CIA and CIS agents lurking under all tables.

club wants the maximum 9,000 for his transfer.

If there is only one club interested in securing him, there is a good chance that the \$20,000 limit will not be exceeded.

But if two or three clubs bid for him — the system will breakdown at the first gentle prod.

Club managers or coaches

only because they wanted the man so badly that they were prepared to outbid all their rivals, even if they went broke in the process.

It's naive to think that the English, Italian, Spanish and other Federations would not have tried to find a foolproof way of curbing these unrealistic transfer fees. They have. But then they realised that it just can't be done.

This is a matter for the clubs themselves who have to draw the line which they won't exceed. It's not impossible to protect clubs from their own irresponsibility or temporary insanity through legislation; those who overspend will go to the wall, just as in any other business.

However, I could be wrong; the PSL executive could be a great deal smarter than we think.

Should they succeed in limiting transfer fees and then making the rule stick, I suggest they turn their attention to the Australian and

world economy. Who knows, they may also find the cure for the global inflationary spiral which has beaten the world's economists, bankers and politicians.

The PSL office sent out the draw for the season and another brief circular or two — but that was the sum total of official involvement.

There hasn't been a murmur from ASF Market since December or earlier; the average fan has no clue whether that controversial body is still alive and kicking or sacked into oblivion.

The ASF itself, guardians of the PSL, have coyly stood back in silence.

No press briefings about the new season, no drum-beating, no cheerful promises or cautious warnings. Not a word either way, just formidable silence.

The reason for this eerie atmosphere is fairly simple

to find; the PSL is like an abandoned child.

The ASF has the power to control it — but doesn't run it. The PSL executive, spread over several cities, tries to run it by proxy, mainly via the telephone.

The PSL secretariat has been reduced by two people, without power.

That leaves the 16 clubs, most of which are so absorbed in their own internal problems that they cannot spare much thought for the super-structure.

In its present shape, the PSL is destined to fail. Not because Phillips have reduced their contribution; not because the airframe has skyrocketed but simply because it lacks direction, common purpose and a clear policy.

It is an ad hoc competition with hazy guidelines, run with cash, often emotional and irrational ineptitude.

What does seem amazing

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1982: year of the Greeks?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Three of the Greek clubs — Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg-Alexander find themselves at the top of the PSL after the first round.

Hopes are high among the huge Greek community in Melbourne and Sydney that one of its clubs finally will win the championship.

Adelaide's Greek population had its moment of glory in 1978 when West Adelaide Hellas won the title.

Melbourne, on the other hand, has waited five years for PSL success.

South Melbourne Hellas started its bid for the ultimate crown by winning the Victorian Ampol Cup 2-1 against Heidelberg last week and played refined soccer in thrashing Wollongong 3-0 in the first PSL round.

If Hellas is to be Victoria's league standard-bearer in 1982, it will have to beat Olympic at Lambert Park on Sunday in what should prove one of the highlights of the season.

Mark Koussas and Graeme Jennings are in superlative form for Olympic whose all-



The men of South Melbourne Hellas, with the Victorian Ampol Cup they won last week. Standing, from left: Jim Shirra, Grant Turner, David Jones, Peter Laumets, Alan Davidson, Alun Evans, Arthur Xanthopoulos, president Sam Pappasavas (extreme right). Front: Charlie Egan, Socrates Nicolaides, John Stevenson, George Campbell, Lou Tsigras.

action, aggressive, exciting style earned it a 3-0 league-opening win against Newcastle.

But Hellas coach John Margaritis won't let his team be overrun. He is likely to favor a continuation of Hellas' characteristic waiting game — pushing the ball about, holding possession and waiting for an opening.

In Charlie Egan, Hellas appears finally to have found a man who can put away a good percentage of the chances created by Alan Davidson, John Stevenson, Alun Evans and either George Campbell or Branko Buljevic, depending on who gets the third forward position.

Heidelberg is a much faster team than Hellas, but it is

Hellas that has the maturity and the poise.

Heidelberg, meanwhile, remains in the forefront of the league due to its settled nature and its well-rehearsed possession game. But Heidelberg has a sensitive Achilles heel: its sparse reserve strength.

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Elite juniors for Blacktown

Blacktown City has devised the most revolutionary junior development scheme in Australian soccer.

The scheme will cost the club \$30,000 a year. Highlight of the scheme is the formation of an under 13 "super group" comprising 18 boys.

They will have a programme of 400 hours of soccer this year but they will not take part in competition. Rather, they will get specialised coaching and play only exhibition matches to develop their skill,

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Blacktown's under 14 team in the NSW junior leagues next year.

Sponsorship of about \$10,000 for the "super group", from two major sports companies, will be announced this week.

The "super group" will be run by a separate board comprising Geoff Sutton (Blacktown Datsun dealer), Len Palmer (Radio Rentals), Bob Christie and NSW parliamentarian John Aquilina. Blacktown coach Rale Rasic, assisted by David Lee and former Soccerro Doug

and 16 squads of 24 each. These will be cut down to 18, meaning the club will boast the elite of the district.

Each of the squads will be under the patronage of a senior Blacktown player who will be partly responsible for the boys' advancement and for their motivation. Each team will be named after its patron player — for instance, the Stuart Selvaige club under 15s, or the Robert Wheatley super group.

In addition, the boys will receive expert coaching. Utjesenovic, one of Blacktown's staff coaches, will concentrate mainly on demonstrations.

The scheme has been implemented to

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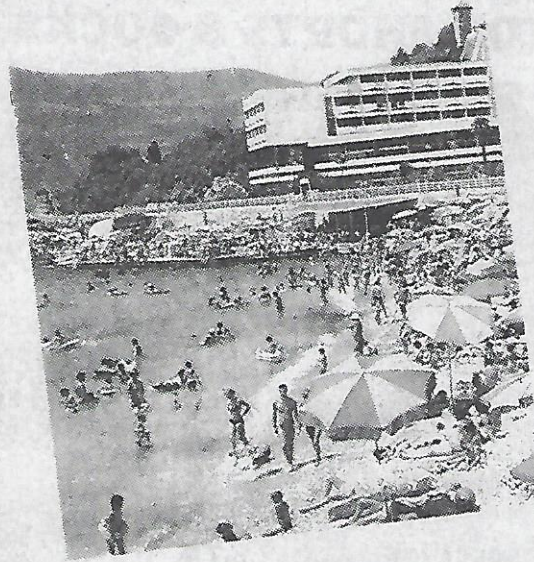


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Scheinflug to ASF — give us some games

Last year's national team coach Les Scheinflug is looking for matches for the Australian World cup soccer squad during the current season.

But the Australian soccer Federation already has ruled against playing home internationals this year.

State federations are hoping to bridge the gap by seeking mid-season tours by both Glasgow Rangers of Scotland and Aveino of Italy.

Scheinflug said: "The 1986 World Cup Finals seem a long way ahead, but that should not lead us into complacency. Important elimination matches have to be played only two years from next June."

"Everything we have achieved by touring Indonesia and Taiwan to build a young squad is in the melting pot. Nothing can be left to chance. We need to hold the players' confidence, remove the rough edges, and completely familiarise them with the demands of international football."

Scheinflug intends to put his case to the World Cup committee as soon as it can be convened.



Les Scheinflug

He has adopted a similar approach to the preparation of his Australian Youth team.

"I would prefer to take the squad overseas immediately after the under-19 national titles are played in Canberra from May 11-16."

"Later we could undertake a second trip, but whether we get two tours will depend upon the budget."

The last National Youth team played in New Caledonia, Fiji and Israel and the new one needs just as much experience," he said.

Australian Soccer Federation official Brian Emery is in contact with three countries in a bid to settle on an overseas tour during October.

He said: "We have asked Asian Football Confederation secretary Peter Velapan to check if we can be included in the Merdeka tournament in Kuala Lumpur of the President Park Cup in South Korea."

"Also we are waiting to learn if Mexico will accept us into the Havelange Youth Tournament if the dates fit."

Australia has asked the international body FIFA to permit the Oceania Youth Finals to be played in December in Port Moresby, so that players facing school examination can have them completed by then.

"FIFA wants the final regional games between the Oceania winner, Israel and an American nation completed by then. We prefer this in January," Emery added.

The national team that succeeds in this series secures a coveted position in the finals in Mexico in June 1983.

CAPTAIN SOCCEROO BOUNCES BACK

Tony Henderson of Marconi is television's new "Captain Socceroo."

He is the host of Channel 9-28's show by that name, replacing Johnny Warren who compered it last year.

"Captain Socceroo" kicks off on February 27 and will be repeated the following Wednesday night, in Sydney and Melbourne.

Channel 9-28's Philips Soccer League show will start on Friday night.

Henderson has been joined

By Laurie Schwab

by his own squad of eight junior players who will join him in various segments of the show, including interviews with leading PSL stars.

"A lot of international soccer film will be included in the show this year, to help the kids appreciate the skills of the game and the thrill of big-time soccer," Henderson said this week.

"In teaching the various skills, we will show them the basics and then illustrate them with overseas footage."

"That's only one of the

ideas. We'll also have interviews, a mail bag segment, a quiz and a 'great moments' segment presented by Martin Royal of the ABC."

First prize in the quiz is a trip to the Pele Soccer Camps in the United States. Each week Henderson will ask a group of children 10 questions and the winner will go through to the next round, leading up to the final.

Henderson and his team have been working hard over the past three weeks compiling material for the "Captain Socceroo" show.

Already they have prepared interviews with Jim Patikas (Sydney City), Allan Maher (Marconi), Mark Koussas (Sydney Olympic), national team masseur Charlie Jurisic, referee Tony Boskovic, and Sydney City manager David Childs.

There also are features about Argentina's Diego Maradona, considered to be the best player in the world, the Johnny Doyle Star Soccer Camps, and Billy Connolly who makes sports shows.

"It's a fast, happy show that really buzzes along," Henderson said. "They won't let me do anything unless I'm laughing."

Henderson and Marconi team mate Allan Maher have been running junior coaching clinics sponsored by Datsun, and Henderson also coached at the Johnny Warren coaching clinics.

A recent clinic conducted by Henderson at Connamble in NSW was attended by almost 300 children, some of whom travelled from as far as five hours away.

Henderson has some firm ideas about junior development. "There's a big gap between 13 years and 18 years, during which a lot of our young players disappear," he says.

"I'd like to see the parents who coach these kids going through courses of some kind to equip themselves better for the job. We have to teach those who are teaching the kids, otherwise we'll continue to lose a lot of potentially good players."

CAN'T WORK

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is that the clubs, even after five years, fail to recognise their own power or at least their potential power.

They still sit back in owed silence, like sacrificial lambs, waiting for enlightened leadership from above, instead of setting their own policy based on a realistic appraisal.

Only the clubs themselves can save the PSL, whether as a whole or split into regions.

It's not in the interests of the ASF to come to the rescue — even if they could — and apply conventional or voodoo medicine. The ASF executive is made up of State delegates and most of the States still view the PSL as a rival, as a snobbish, elitist gathering which has snatched their best clubs from their clutches.

So why should they entrench with the idea of saving the PSL if the PSL clubs themselves show scant interest?

The nine men leagues

State League

GREEN GULLY AJAX
MELBOURNE CROATIA
DOVETON
CROYDON
GEORGE CROSS
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA
HELLAS-HAKOAH
SUNSHINE
NORTHCOTE
FRANKSTON CITY
JUVENTUS
POLONIA
ALBION ROVERS
MORWELL FALCONS

Third Division

PORT MELBOURNE
PRAHRAN CITY
CORIO
YALLURN
COBURG
ELTHAM
NUNAWADING CITY
MORNINGTON
SUNBURY
ROYAL PARK
BRIGHTON
NORTH DANDENONG
KEYSBOROUGH
THOMASTOWN

Second Division

YARRAVILLE
REGENT
CLIFTON HILL
BULLEEN
BERWICK CITY
CRANBOURNE
MORDIALLOC
BORDINA
MOE UNITED
KYNETON
WEST MELBOURNE
MALVERN CITY
CENTRAL CITY
ABBOTSFORD

First Division

WESTERN SUBURBS
BOX HILL
ALTONA GATE
RICHMOND
KEILOR-AUSTRIA
KEW CITY
KNOX CITY
SLAVIA
MORELAND
FAWKNER
FRANKSTON PINES
BELL PARK
ALTONA CITY
DONCASTER ROVERS

Fourth Division

MONASH UNIVERSITY
SANDRINGHAM CITY
MOORABBIN CITY
FERNTREE GULLY
CHELSEA
NORTH GEELONG
MOOROLBARK
ROSEBUD
HAMLYN RANGERS
GEELONG
CAULFIELD
ESSENDON CITY
GREENSBOROUGH
SOUTH OAKLEIGH

Third Division

SOUTH DANDENONG
CHELTENHAM
BRUNSWICK CITY
MITCHAM
MOONEE PONDS
ALTONA UNITED
MONBULK
BURNLEY
WEST BRUNSWICK
WEST GEELONG
CLARINDA
HAMPTON WANDERERS
NORTH SHANERIE
CENTRAL BRUNSWICK

Second Division

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
MELBOURNE
PRESTON Makedonia
ARDEER
SPRINGVALE CITY
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER
WAVERLEY
S.M.MORDIALLOC
RINGWOOD UNITED
ST. ALBANS DINAMO
BROADMEADOWS
HEIDELBERG CITY
WERRIBEE
DANDENONG CITY

Provisional First Division

CARLTON
MELTON
BALLARAT
KARINGLIE UNITED
HAWKSBURN
SHEPPARTON CITY
EAST BRUNSWICK
HAWTHORN
NUNAWADING UNITED
LALOR UNITED
SOUTH YARRA
LANGWARRIN
CLAYTON
ROSANNA

Fourth Division

EAST CARLTON
NORTH MELBOURNE
VERMONT
PASCOE VALE
SPRINGVALE UNITED
PORT UNITED
BATMAN UNITED
MOSSFIELD RANGERS
HOLLAND PARK
SEAFOUR UNITED
MURRUMBEEA
ASCOT UNITED
BAXTER
DINGLEY

Metro wants visa players, Mordialloc dispute resolved

The Metropolitan League board of management has averted the possibility of confrontation with the VSF board of management by cancelling the extraordinary general meeting called by the Metro board for February 24.

Many Metro clubs are up in arms over Provisional League clubs being upgraded to Metro ranks.

One of the crucial points on the agenda for the extraordinary meeting was the Mordialloc affair.

Mordialloc played in the Third Division of the Provisional League last season, merged with South Melbourne Hellas in the off-season and now finds itself in Metro Second Division, a jump of five leagues.

Initially the Metro board objected to Mordialloc's sudden rise, claiming that the club "bought" its way into higher company. The board planned to declare Hellas's Metro position vacant and promote the third-placed club in the lower league.

"Mordialloc simply merged with Hellas. There's nothing illegal about that," said John Hotson, chairman of the Metro board. "Had we been able to prove that there was any malpractice, such as money changing hands, then it would have been a different matter but the whole question of Mordialloc's status has been resolved. The club will play in Metro Second Division this year."

Hotson also revealed the details of a resolution before the VSF board which calls for any future league increases to be put in resolution form at the annual general meeting of the VSF. This would do away with such sweeping changes being decided solely by the VSF board.

The question of opening up the leagues to temporary residents could be resolved at an ASF executive meeting tentatively set for the first week in March.

Hotson and VSF chairman Michael Weinstein are Victoria's representatives at ASF level.

"At our last ASF executive meeting before Christmas we discussed the situation of temporary visa players. Our next meeting should involve propos-

itions from the States on this matter and I'm hopeful that the ASF executive will permit such visa players to play in any league of their choice. The present policy discriminates against such players," said Hotson.

Hotson still is getting over the shock of the league restructuring.

"The turmoil at State League level has been transferred to the Metro leagues."

"I couldn't believe the suddenness at which the whole thing was done."

"I feel sorry for some of the Metro clubs. Some of our oldest member clubs have missed out on going up."

"But I understand the need for uniformity throughout the Victorian leagues and although we wanted to adopt the changes next year the fact that clubs could play throughout 1982 without fear of relegation would certainly take some-

thing out of the competitive spirit we try to engender."

"I'd like to see one management committee for soccer in Victoria. There seems no need for individual leagues to have management committees. Why have a Metro board of management when its recommendations aren't even heard at higher level in some instances?"

"Anyway it's all over now. Let's just get down to sticking together and doing the best we can. Let's get the league program underway."

The Metro and Provisional Leagues probably will kick-off on Saturday, March 20, two weeks before the previous kick-off date, and finish two weeks after the proposed end to the league season.

This would allow for the new 26-game league season, four more games than before when leagues were based upon 12 teams.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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ALTONA STABBED IN THE BACK: COLLINS

Altona City chairman John Collins claims that his club has been "stabbed in the back".

Altona is the only member club in the VSF to be relegated after the 1981 season.

Relegation in four Metro leagues, three Provisional leagues and three District leagues was scrapped in last week's restructuring revolution.

"Constitutionally there doesn't seem much that we can do but I'm seeking legal advice," said Collins.

"Morally the VSF has erred. If we had to be screened for re-applying for State League membership then our relegation partner, the second-last team in last year's league, also should have been forced to be screened by the five-member panel set up for the task."

"Anyway, there are two

members of that screening committee who would be well advised to stay away from our club for a long, long time. They wouldn't want to walk into our clubrooms in a hurry.

"I'm not prepared to name them but they assured me just last week that they would vote for Altona to stay in State League."

"When I heard that Morwell Falcons were in and we were out I felt sick."

"Somebody has done a lot of talking in between the time that I received assurances and decision-making time."

"We wrote a letter to the federation before the screening committee met. The letter stated that our club never had disgraced itself during its four State League



John Collins

years, continues to run many junior teams and boasts fine facilities at Kim Reserve. I believe we should have been the first club considered for the

vacancy. Instead, as far as I'm concerned, we have been discriminated against."

"Former Altona player Bob Molloy has taken over the coaching reins at the club."

Kevin Innes has joined Polonia while Kevin Wilson has signed with Keilor-Australia.

Temporary visa players of last year, Steve Jones and Howard Mercer, have been retained and Scottish defender James Leonard has joined.

Dennis Masseni is likely to leave but 16-year-old keeper Ken Maloy, from Mossfield Rangers, has joined. Experienced Hans van der Poel has returned. So too has David Collins from Werribee.

Altona's plight seems to be a fait accompli. It faces fierce First Division competition in its quest to regain its State League status.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

District League axed, politics change in big reshuffle

VSF chairman and ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein was the principal actor in the Soccer House scenario which led to last week's revolutionary restructuring of the Victorian leagues.



CRAIG MACKENZIE

In something akin to a Papal edict, Weinstein presented an oral submission to the VSF board of management, outlining the formula for change which takes the magic figure of 14 as the norm on which league sizes are based.

Weinstein admits that decisions on the league status of so many clubs were reached in an arbitrary fashion but claims that magic formulae for such far-reaching decisions were impractical.

He adds that the revolutionary restructuring merely came a year ahead of schedule, prompted by the VSF facing a no-win situation in possible legal battles.

Juventus and Ringwood then, have been the catalysts for major change.

The Brian Sinclair affair caused Ringwood to lose points accrued during last season, saving previously-relegated Juventus and plunging Ringwood down to second-last spot on the league ladder.

Ringwood appealed against the tribunal decision that Sinclair was an ineligible player on grounds of residency qualifications. That appeal now is spurious. Had it been heard and upheld, Juventus would have taken Supreme Court action against the federation. Likewise with Ringwood had its appeal been dismissed.

Ringwood, backed by other State League clubs, successfully lobbied for the immediate introduction of a 14-team league, two teams more than before. The bulk of State League clubs favored an increase. When and how were the principal questions.

Lengthy discussion led to the adoption of a decentralisation policy. If the State League was to be increased, then a progressive, powerful club from a country region should be included.

Division arose over when the proposed increase should

come into being. The Sinclair affair prodded the VSF into action.

The full board of management of the VSF empaneled a sub-committee to screen suitable applicants for a State League vacancy. Polonia and Albion Rovers already had won promotion from Metro First Division. It also was decided that the guideline of relegation would not fall upon Ringwood or Juventus, leaving a sole State League spot to be occupied.

Altona finished at the foot of the 1981 State League table. Faced with applying for re-election, the club had to fight against the decentralisation policy and a prevalent VSF view that there are too many clubs in and around Altona's local area. Altona lost its fight. Morwell Falcons, which five years ago played in the Provisional League, capped a remarkable rise to prominence by claiming the sole State League vacancy.

The screening sub-committee was given terms of reference stating that it must select from among clubs which have applied for a State League place over the past two years, club it knows are progressive, and it relegated Altona.

The second term of reference is the most intriguing clubs known to the five-member screening committee which the members believe are progressive. Rarely will a five-member panel be given such an open door through which to make subjective value judgements on the immediate future of so many clubs.

Yet the decision has to be made, given that the wheels of increase already were turning before the start of the 1982 season.

Altona, like a pleading Christian, received the thumbs-down sign and was thrown to the Metro lions.

Then chairman Weinstein outlined the format for the

restructuring of the Metro leagues into four, 14-team divisions and which clubs should fill these 56 places.

He argued that uniformity was paramount. To this end, the Metro leagues — indeed all Victorian leagues — should fall into line with the 14-team State League.

The Metro board of management favored such an increase but wanted to adopt it in 1983. Weinstein rightly argued that Metro competition would suffer this season if every club knew that there would be no relegation due to the planned 1983 restructuring.

He also favored immediate restructuring rather than allowing Metro clubs a year in which to lobby for a favorable change of status for the following year.

Weinstein believed that the membership of the Metro leagues should be opened up to allow eight new clubs into Fourth Division. He believes that there are many progressive, successful clubs in lower leagues that can do credit to the Metro leagues and feels that these clubs wrongly face a mammoth task in winning promotion year in, year out until they win their way into Fourth Division.

The big reshuffle was underway. Thomastown up from Provisional First Division to Metro Third, North Geelong from Provisional Second Division to Metro Fourth, Bell Park from Metro Second Division to First.

The rationale behind the move is to give progressive clubs a chance to stake a claim for State League status earlier than would have been possible had the common method of promotion been adhered to.

The definition of the term "progressive" was made by one man but ratified by many men — the members of the full board of management of the VSF.

The Provisional and District Leagues also were re-arranged.



Michael Weinstein

The District League has been disbanded. The Provisional League has been strengthened to include four, 14-team divisions.

Obviously there is no need for a board of management to administer the District League.

The board of management of the VSF remains as the executive body of soccer in Victoria. The boards of management of the State League, Metro Leagues and Provisional Leagues, as in the past, can realise policies only by tabling resolutions before the VSF board, which has the power of veto over such resolutions.

The new State League could pose problems for the VSF board.

I estimate that the European contingent has an 8-6 advantage over the British bloc at State League level, yet the British bloc rules at board level.

The landmark restructuring has thrown soccer into turmoil at administrative level. That's to be expected, though Teething problems always have to be overcome.

The grounds and fixtures committee has to return to its drawing board and re-map the 1982 season.

The rules concerning the classification of grounds may have to be bent. First Division clubs must have at least class B grounds and facilities.

The financial gain for the VSF is more than a mere incidental bonus.

Affiliation fees for State League clubs are \$1200 this year. Metro First Division clubs pay \$800, Second Division \$700, Third Division \$600, Fourth Division \$500 and all Provisional League clubs will pay \$400.

The thrust of the restructuring revolution has been to streamline the Victorian leagues. If this results in fiercer competition then the code will benefit greatly in years to come.

It's the players who suffer!

Soccer continued to cut its own throat on Sunday with the Philips League kicking off at 3 pm and the NSW Ampol Cup being played in direct competition.

Apart from all those games robbing each other of spectators, the players are being required to play in potentially stifling heat.

And despite the threat of the high temperatures, PSL teams have been limited to using only one substitute!

In other words, if a player is suffering from heat exhaustion it's just bad luck!

How can clubs retain squads of 16 or 18 when they can use only 12 in a match?

Everyone preaches about how youngsters should be given a fairer go, but this new rule means that a promising youngster can't even sit on the bench.

Sydney City brought Jim Patikas along slowly, by using him as a substitute initially. Now, under this new rule, he may be in danger of losing his place in First Grade.

It seems only the players are punished in this game.

Who is punished for the ineffective marketing programme?

Who is punished for our ineffective World Cup campaign?



RALE RASIC

Who is punished for the totally confused promotion and relegation set-up in the PSL?

Soccer has only itself to blame for its many problems and its confused administration.

I remember the time when it was more or less agreed that there should be some form of protection for coaches. That too has apparently gone out the window. I am currently in dispute with a club over contractual terms, yet neither the ASF nor the PSL wants to discuss it. We're referring here to a club that is spending big money on buying players

from overseas, but more about that when the court case is over.

But what makes Australia unique in the world of soccer is that on any given weekend we have more players playing the games than watching it. One of the main reasons is that professionals, amateurs, juniors in all grades all play at the same time. How can that possibly be progressive? How, for example, can the kids come to see their heroes in senior soccer?

What we need is a clean sweep throughout the soccer administration. We should look to men like Sam Papasavas who has put South Melbourne Hellas on a firmer footing than it ever has been in its glorious history, and to the example set by New Zealand's World Cup director Charlie Dempsey whose shrewdness and progressive thinking played no small part in the Kiwis' World Cup qualification.

Nice to see Roberto Vieri firing again. On current form, the former Italian First Division star appears to be one of Marconi's trump cards for 1982.

Sydney Olympic's wonder kids Mark Koussas and Graeme Jennings are in unbelievable form. Koussas is shaping as our own Gerd Mueller. He'd be the hottest property in Australian soccer at the moment.

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CANCEROUS MEDIA!

It is two weeks since Victoria's 0-2 loss to Hungary. In this time I have had the opportunity to listen, read or watch comment from nearly all our soccer media about the game, the players, the coach, the preparation and the tactics.

I think maybe some comment from the inside is called for.

From nearly every source, the State team and its set-up was criticised about the Hungary game. Personally, I feel a lot of this criticism is unjustified.

Since Len McKendry took over the coaching of the State team some three years ago we have been praised by nearly every visiting coach as the most disciplined, and most organised, team that they have played here.

Such comments also came from the Hungarian coach after last week's game.

It is no coincidence that the professionalism and the results that followed started with Len's introduction to the coaching position.



GARY COLE

He is a very competitive man who badly needs to win.

Of course to do this he has had to devise ways of coaching part-time players so that they can take on some of the World's best fulltimers and perform equally if not better.

When I first entered the State team set-up as a youngster in 1975, Victoria has some great players who went out and gave their all against touring sides. Sometimes they lost heavily, sometimes narrowly, sometimes they carried a hard-fought draw and occasionally a win, more through hard work and determination than any real game plan.

The most noticeable thing to me was the amount of possession that touring sides had. So

often Victoria would give the ball away and have great difficulty in getting it back.

Len designed a method of play by which Victoria would keep hold of the ball and try to construct chances through set methods of play.

Then he picked a squad he thought could be moulded to do the job, every player knowing exactly what was expected of him all over the park.

Through much hard work he produced a State squad that Victoria — even the media — was proud of.

The V.S.F. allowed more time for preparation — it went from weeks to months — and the results started coming.

Then came the Hungary game. The squad assembled on the Tuesday before the game and trained at Olympic Park. On Thursday night we trained at Dendy Park, Brighton, with no pitch marked out.

Hellas needed its players for the game against Yugoslavia. It was not exactly an ideal preparation.

So out we went on the Friday and after an early setback we had a great deal of the play in the first half.

The pace of the Hungarians was incredible, but the pressure of the Vic team was superb.

Hungary made three substitutions and scored a second time, with Victoria missing a couple of chances late in the game. Not a bad performance for a rush job!

But it was Victoria's worst defeat for three years. This was too good an opportunity to miss. The knives came out in force. Sack McKendry, sack the players etc. etc.

Probably the biggest criticism was that there were nine Heidelberg players in the team. Perhaps the reason for this was that with only four days' preparation, players could not be brought into the team and be expected to learn the pattern of play and discipline — talked about earlier that took 12 months to achieve.

It would not have been fair on the players involved, it would have caused much confusion on the park and probably led to a much bigger loss.

The pride and determination of the players involved in the Hungary game was second to none and I feel their efforts deserve more than the garbage that was served up after the game.

I only hope that the V.S.F. continues to bring top quality touring teams here to Victoria and that they allow more than a week's preparation.

Lastly, I hope that the media here start to sell the game of soccer rather than destroy it by picking it to pieces.

If the game is going to grow in this country it must get the best publicity possible and not the cancerous meanderings of some of our media.

**Any questions?
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After six years, Yugoslav Airlines, under a new administration, has decided no longer to sponsor "Soccer Action's" best player award.

A new sponsor will be announced within the next few weeks.

First-round voting:
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(Cozzella, Hazabent) ST.
GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Wilkinson, Marion) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Boland (JUST), 5. Wilkinson (St.G.), 4. Campbell (St.G.), 3. Stone (St.G.), 2. Skeen (St.G.), 1. Ratcliffe (St.G.).

CANBERRA CITY 0 HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Cole 2, Campbell) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Cole (H'berg), 5. Gibson (Can), 4. T. Byrne (Can), 3. Yzendoorn (H'berg), 2. McMillan (H'berg), 1. Hoszowski (Can).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Pimblett) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (J. Nyskohus) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Ross:

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Footscray J.U.S.T.....	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
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Adelaide C. Juventus...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
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Brisbane Lions.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
West Adelaide Hellas...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Canberra City.....	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Marconi-Datsun.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Wollongong City.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0
Newcastle KB Utd.....	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

Best player voting

6. Dunne (BC), 5. Pimblett (BC), 4. Northcote (AC), 3. J. Nyskohus (AC), 2. Russell (AC), 1. Connor (BC).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Memo Ioutsidis:

6. Bennett (BL), 5. Crook (WA), 4. Dunn (WA), 3. Totikas (WA), 2. Sumner (WA), 1. Hogg (BL).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Katholos, Cavin, Jennings) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Ziras (SO), 5. Katholos (SO), 4. Redfern (SO), 3. Drinkwater (KB), 2. Jennings (SO), 1. Gavin (SO).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 BRUCE PRESTON MAKE DONIA 1 (Brown) at St. George Stadium. Votes by Roger Dewick:

6. Brown (Mak), 5. Wilson (Mak), 4. Boyle (Mak), 3. Kos-

mina (SC), 2. Bruce (SC), 1. Flavell (Mak).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 (McBreen, Giampaolo) MARCONI-DATSUN 0 at Lambert Park. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Henderson (Marc), 5. Soper (APIA), 4. McBreen (APIA), 3. Butler (APIA), 2. Giampaolo (APIA), 1. Silva (Marc).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (EGAN 2, Davidson) WOLLONGONG 0 at Middle Park. Votes by Craik MacKenzie:

6. Davidson (SMH 5. Shirra (SMH) 4. Egan (SMH) 3. Nicolaides (SMH) 2. Xanthopoulos (SMH) 1. Jones (SMH).

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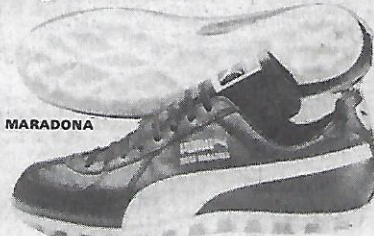


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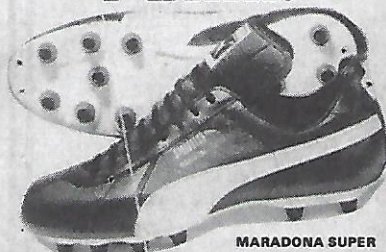
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Heidelberg United should maintain its momentum toward top perch on the PSL ladder by beating visitor Newcastle KB at Olympic Park No.2, on Sunday.

The Bergers and KB have been in the common — both struggling financially. On the field no such similarity can be drawn. Heidelberg has a far more accomplished squad and should win Sunday.

All-time top PSL scorer, Gary Cole, got off to a flying start last week with two goals against Canberra. He should add to his tally this weekend.

Jamie Paton was the butt of criticism about his fitness after he returned from a holiday in Scotland. Nevertheless he's an integral part of the European style implemented by coach Len McKendry, a style which has proven so successful for the Victorian State team and which could reap rich rewards for Heidelberg this year.

When Liam Monagle is transferred McKendry will have two temporary visa vacancies and is likely to fill them quickly.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Two top-flight recruits from overseas would give the Bergers the depth required to achieve consistent success during an arduous league campaign.

Preston Makedonia, fresh from a creditable draw away from home against PSL giant Sydney City Hakoah, should hit the winning trail on Sunday at Connor Reserve when it runs into Alan Vest's West Adelaide outfit.

It won't be easy for the

home side, though. West is undergoing a revival under the astute Vest, whose coaching ability enabled Newcastle KB to establish itself in PSL ranks.

Brisbane City should have a successful visit to Marconi Stadium on Sunday to meet a home side struggling to find a combination good enough to relieve days of former glory.

City trump card, tall striker Barry Kelso, confronts a new Marconi defensive formation using twin centre backs Ivo Prskalo and Tony Henderson,

rather than a sweeper and stopper.

Evergreen City Sweeper Jimmy Dunne will have the job of providing cover for fellow defenders trying to shackle Mark Jankovic and Rene Lacata.

St George Budapest should celebrate its return to the PSL by beating visitor Canberra on Sunday.

Des Marton should be in the home side's line-up from the outset, an ominous sign for Canberra's defence.

The experienced Marton is a lethal finisher, with 38 goals from 28 games last year in the NSW State League.

Sydney City Hakoah visits the Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday and should recover its winning way with ease.

Wollongong's defence, with the exception of Arno Bertogna, looked anything but composed against South Melbourne Hellas last Sunday so Joe Watson, John Kosmina and Kenny Boden should have a field day at the Showgrounds.

Willie Wallace's APIA outfit will be a hard side to beat throughout 1982.

Tony Morsello, Marshal Soper and Seb Giampaolo have had a year to nurture greater understanding and Brisbane Lions, minus retired star sweeper Jim Hermiston, appear unable to stop this lethal striking trio at Richlands Stadium on Sunday.

Footscray JUST, again relying upon the stout defence of Igor Hazabent, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Milne and Jim Kondarios should hold firm against Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Dennis Boland, vying with West Adelaide's Martyn Crook for the title of the best keeper in Australia, once more should prove a stumbling block for the home team's strike force.

IN MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG v Newcastle KB United at Olympic Park, No.2, Sunday, 3pm.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v West Adelaide at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3pm.

IN SYDNEY

Sydney Olympic v South Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3pm.
Marconi v BRISBANE CITY at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.
ST GEORGE v Canberra at St George Stadium, Sunday, 5pm.

IN WOLLONGONG

Wollongong v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v APIA LEICHHARDT at Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide City v Footscray JUST (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm.

Rovers sparkle, Gramsbergen back

ALBION ROVERS 3 (Creany, Smart, D'Sylva) GEORGE CROSS 0
ALBION: Lacock 7 — Nibbet 8, Munro 11, H.T. 7, Creany 8, McMillen 7 — Billy 7, Ferrie 8, Spiteri 7 — Smart 9, D'Sylva 7, Gilmore 7.
GEORGE CROSS: Hunter 5 — Morgan (C. Vella H.T. 41), Wilkinson 8, Maitland 8, McKinnley 8 — T. Vella 5, Farmer 5, McCann 7 — Pisanl 4 (R. Gatica H.T. 51), Mizi 5.
Albion Rovers made a fine start to their second attempt at establishing themselves State League company by easily accounting for George Cross in the Buffalo cup on Sunday.

Newly promoted Albion hit the front in the 15th minute when John Creany headed in from a corner.

Ken Smart's speed enabled him to outpace the Cross defence in the second half and slot home Albion's second, past 16-year-old keeper Roy Hunter, recently signed from St Albans.

The goal of the game put paid to Cross's hopes. Smart got clear, took the ball to the end ball line then cut back for Mick D'Sylva to volley cleanly from near the penalty spot.

Cross striker Bobby Toal missed from the penalty spot earlier in the second half. Albion has signed striker Kevin Lloyd, from the Wolverhampton area in England.

Benny Ferrie, signed late last year from the South in Scotland, moved into central midfield role and played well but was Albion's best.

Cross still is trying to sign Steve Dawson and Steve Scerri from Sunshine. The club has been in contact with player in the U.K. but is unable to release details at present.

Terry Kent has been transferred to South Australian State League club Azzuri.

This weekend's Victorian Buffalo Cup games with likely winners in capitals:

ALBION ROVERS v Frankston at Swilwyn Park, Saturday, 3.45 pm.

POLONIA v George Cross at Green Gully Reserve, Saturday, 3.45 pm.

Hellas-Hakoah v Ringwood (draw) at Middle Park, Sunday, 3.45 pm.

Northcote v SUNSHINE at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3.45 pm.

George Cross will hold an extraordinary general meeting at its clubrooms in Brunswick this coming Sunday, starting at 10 am.

HELLAS-HAKOAH 0 SUNSHINE 1 (Mussel)

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Fryzler 8 — Davidson 6, Hannah 6, Gadsby 6, Wilson 7, Owen 6, Thomson 5, Kalogirou 8 — Webster 7, McClune 7, Allison 8 (Dextaria 50th).

SUNSHINE: Contini 7 — Campbell 9, Gramsbergen 8, R. Nelson 8, McRobert 8 — Bain 6, Mussel 7, Esposto 8 (McNally 45th) — Mudine 7, Peto 7, Taylor 7.

Rob Gramsbergen returned after a long lay-off through injury and showed that he will play a big part in Sunshine's fortunes this year.

Bought from Altona last year for 2000, Gramsbergen played just one game with Sunshine before being injured and missing the remainder of the season.

The Shiners looked better organised than Hellas-Hakoah and ran out deserved winners, thanks to a scrambled goal from midfielder Frank Mussel in the 10th minute.

Nick Lowe, Wilf Laing, Steve Scerri and

Dennis Morovic were missing from the Shiners' squad while Hellas-Hakoah was without Graham, French, Chris Kent, Anton Dosen and Ian McNeil.

French looks almost certain to join Juventus, Kent is keen to sign for Adelaide City, McNeil looks likely to join Kew City and Dosen is serving a two match suspension incurred late last year.

Hellas-Hakoah is negotiating with George Cross for striker Jim Paparas, transfer listed at \$8,000. Institute of Sport youngster Robbie McLachlan is another who should join.

Dissident Hellas striker Duncan Cummings is high on the shopping list of the Hellas-Hakoah committee. His team mate, Billy Rogers, has agreed to terms with the State League club.

Sunshine coach Ray Pocock is happy with his squad. He believes that his players are good enough to aspire to a top four berth this season.

FRANKSTON 0 POLONIA 0

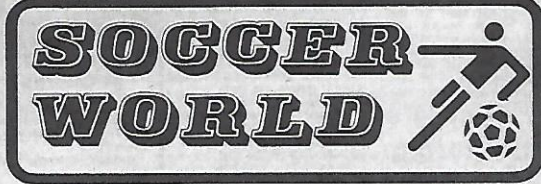
FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 — Ormond 7, Drinocky 7, Tutill 9, Campbell 7 — Gobby 7 (Condon 50th), Wright 6 (Parks 50th), Dolyanis 6, Reader 8, Burroughs 8, Buchanan 7.

POLONIA: Dzielekowski 7 — S. Klein 7, A. Czapnik 8, Herman 7, Pichner 6 — Jaworski 6, Wallace 9, Innes 6 — Liparski 6, Krynski 6 (Segiam 54th), Lekic 7.

Frankston City has signed former Sheffield United attacking midfielder, Pat O'Connor, whose brother Dave coaches State League Morwell Falcons.

O'Connor, along with Rob Stewart and Carl Holford, is expected to arrive here from the U.K. in the first week in March.

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**Brisbane C. 1
Adelaide C. 1**

Scores: Brisbane City — Pimblett 40, Adelaide City — J. Nyakohus 88.
Ground: Spencer Park.
Referee: Tim Davies 8.
Crowd: Approx 3,700.
Conditions: Overcast and warm.

BRISBANE CITY — Martin Coe 8, Steve Perry 7, Billy Wilkinson 7, Jimmy Dunn 8, Peter Tokasi 7, Bobby Hamilton 7, Frank Pimblett 8, David Vincenzino 6, (Steve Glockner 70th, 8), Willie Connor 8, Barry Kelso 7, Joe Cairney 6.

ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson 6, Russell 8, B. Nyakohus 7, Motta 7, Marocchi 7, Northcott 8, J. Nyakohus 8, Manou 7, Villani 7, Rankin 5, Flounders 6 (Signore 88th, 7).
A promising start to the Philips League season was made by both Brisbane City and Adelaide City in a keenly contested draw at Spencer Park, Brisbane.

Both teams played attacking football from the outset which caused disorganisation in defence.

Brisbane City came closest scoring in the 17th minute when Barry Kelso took a through ball around Adelaide's keeper Bobby Ferguson and slotted it into an open goal only to have it disallowed by a controversial offside decision.

Brisbane City's opener



Ricky Rosso

MATCH RATING:
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came in the 40th minute after Ferguson failed to punch clear a corner which allowed the ball to fall at the feet of Frank Pimblett who slammed it between two defenders and into the back of the net.

The fast, attacking pace continued into the second half with good-on-the-ball skills provided by John Nyakohus and Bobby Russell of Adelaide and Willie Connor of Brisbane City.

The equaliser came in the 58th minute when Sergio Motta made a strong run from half-way to the by-line and provided a good cross which was met by a diving John Nyakohus who headed the ball into the goal, just glancing the ball past.

Adelaide City which led the field for part of the 1981 season, and Brisbane City, which finished third, the highest position attained by a Brisbane team, seem likely to continue that form into the 1982 season.



Peter Katholos

**Newcastle 0
Syd. Olympic 3**

Scores: Katholos 49th, Gavin 58th, Jennings 61st.
Ground: International Sports Ground.
Weather: Fine, ground good.

Cautions: Jones, Sneddon, Mason (N), Gavin (SO).
Crowd: 8338.
Referee: Jim Reeves 6.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6 — Curran 7, Sneddon 7, Drinkwater 8, H. Tredinick 6, Mason 7, Smyth 6, McGregor

6, Gemmell 7, McClelland 7, Jones 7 (Endcott 84th).
OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7, K. Moulis 7 (Rowden 77), K. Wilson 7, Ziras 8, Scott 7, Katholos 6, Raskopoulos 7, Redfern 8, Koussas 7, Gavin 9, Jennings 5.

Newcastle KB United opened the 1982 season rather disastrously, going down easily to an effervescent Sydney Olympic at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

However, had I been writing these notes at half time I would have had nothing but

praise for the new look Newcastle contingent which worked very hard in the first 45 minutes and had at least an equal share of the play, even though Olympic went close to scoring on a couple of occasions.

The first was a Mark Koussas shot from close range, cleared off the line by Col Curran and the second a deflected header by Gavin floated to the crossbar before being cleared.

But even allowing for those two near misses, Newcastle had given a good account of itself and one could sense, if the locals could manage to break the deadlock, that taking points from this crack young side was a distinct possibility.

However one could not predict Newcastle's performance in the second half on the evidence of the first 45 minutes.

The second half was only four minutes old when Peter Katholos got a ball on the half way line, ran unchallenged for 30 metres, then from 22 metres easily beat Dando with a ground shot.

Six minutes later Newcastle almost equalised when Craig Mason combined with Brett Gemmell, but the newcomer's shot was well saved by Peter Wilson.

That virtually was the end of Newcastle's challenge because disaster struck again three minutes later from a corner on the left by Jimmy Redfern. Dando left his line only to be beaten to the ball by Gavin whose header bulged the empty net.

It was unfortunate for Dando, who had performed very well in the first half, but goalkeepers are judged on different standards than the rest of the team and the fact still remained that he could be given part of the blame for the first two goals.

At this point, Newcastle completely lost its discipline, individual duties went by the board, and the game was played off the cuff. It was no



Joe Lanzoni

MATCH RATING:
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surprise when Olympic added another goal three minutes later.

This time it was Jim Ziras (a potential international if ever I have seen one) who found Graham Jennings in space on the left with a beautiful ball, and just to rub salt in the wound the locally developed youngster made ground before heading Dando into the goal.

Three goals in the space of twelve minutes and the surprising thing about it was that the score did not take on more catastrophic proportions for the locals.

Sydney Olympic is an exciting, young side with five or six future internationals. It probably will drop points because of its youthful enthusiasm and adventurous play but it is refreshing to watch.

Newcastle can take heart out of the fact that Joe Senkalski will be back from England shortly. Ian Buckley is possibly three to four weeks away from making a return to football, and so is Bob Mountford. Alf Stamp should be available before then, and if the right combination is selected better times could be ahead. However I cannot see the logic of the shift of Mason from sweeper to midfield.

Mason, at the end of last season, possibly was the best sweeper in the PSL and should be the first player picked with the rest of the team slotted around him. His value to the side in midfield is not quite the same.

COLE'S TWO GOALS SILENCE CRITICS

**Canberra 1
Heidelberg 3**

Scores: H'berg: Cole 2, Campbell; Canberra: Gibson.
CANBERRA: Hoszowski 8, Outspoke 7, Jennings 7, T. Byrne 8, Milovanovic 7, Stone 8, MacLaren 7, Gary Byrne 7, Valeri 7 (Purdie, 62nd, 7), Gibson 8, Brennan 7.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McMillan 8, Salamida 7, Rooney 7, Yeendond 7, MacLeod, 7, Tavaski 7, Vankos 7, Paton 7, Campbell 7, Cole 8.

Referee: Bob Moe.
Crowd: 2,500.
Weather: Fine, mild.

1982's inaugural game saw Canberra unsure and unsettled and Heidelberg disciplined and prepared. The end result was a predictable 3-1 Heidelberg victory under Bruce Stadium's floodlights on Saturday night.

For Canberra coach George Murray it was a day of mixed reactions — satisfaction in their Canberra showed flashes of brilliance and concern for a defence that was too easily and too often left in tatters.

The biggest part on the back went to blond-haired Australian striker Gary Cole.

Cole ended his pre-season goal drought and answered those who had written him off as a force in 1982.

Cole netted twice and set up the final goal for Jim Campbell just three minutes from the end.

Understandably Canberra was unsure and insufficiently prepared.

Gary Byrne's clearance — on loan only — came only a couple of hours before the game, while Brisbane Lions' import Paul Ontong arrived only mid-week and did not see the game, patently overweight and short of a run.

It told — particularly in the last 15 minutes when Canberra was handicapped by Tony Brennan at half-pace with a leg injury but having to play on as Canberra had exhausted its single substitute under this year's new one-substitute-only rule.

But it was far from a disappointing match played under superb conditions.

Tragically the crowd was small, a mere 2,500.

But both sides were quick to hit their straps and after only seven minutes a delicate Jim Rooney chip found Cole whose first-time shot was superbly saved by Canberra goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski who was more positive and aggressive than ever before.

In the 13th minute it was Canberra's turn when Ian Gibson's perfectly judged corner was gathered in by newcomer Ian Stone and floated to the corner. Up went Heidelberg



Peter Windsor

Match Rating:
7

stretch, fingertip save. It was good soccer.

Two minutes later Heidelberg hit the front.

Tragically for Canberra it came from a misunderstanding. The defence pushed forward to play Jamie Paton offside — all but youngster John Moutopoulos that is and Paton's ball skills left the youngster in his wake and in turn he was able to find Cole with a scorching pass.

Hoszowski's anticipation was magnificent but he could not parry Cole's thundering shot and when the ball bounced loose Cole regathered and made it 1-0.

Full marks to Canberra for coming back. Just two minutes later the slate was even after an inspired set-play move.

Newcomer Gary Byrne's kick was headed on by Tony Brennan and brought down by Walter Valeri who shot for goal. This attempt was charged down only to see the ball role to Ian Gibson's feet where, from a mere three yards out, he was able to side-foot into an empty net.

Between this 17th minute equaliser and the half-time whistle there were some memorable incidents.

Perhaps the best was a neat one-two, McLaren/Valeri move, with Valeri's backpass to McLaren being hit first time with Oliver saving and a surprising miss by Jimmy Rooney from 15 yards out with only Hoszowski to beat when he miskicked the ball along the deck into Hoszowski's hands.

The second half was less spectacular. Yet it was Canberra which was beginning to get on top until Cole got the vital, tie-breaking goal in the 78th minute.

Again, the defence was left floundering by a well-timed through pass which left Cole unmarked. As Terry Byrne chased frantically, Hoszowski had to commit but still Cole squeezed the ball wide of the goalkeeper's foot into the far corner.

It was all over — despite Jim Campbell's 87th minute final goal.

Canberra came back well, but fell away in the final 15 minutes.

But there were several performances that pleased on both sides.

Heidelberg's newcomer Don MacLeod did his job well, as did John Yeendond and ever-reliably veteran Arthur McMillan.

For Canberra, Hoszowski need not be saddened by his part in the defeat and Ian Gibson again showed a fine footballing brain and deft touches.

The best summation is that it was typical first match soccer. Coaches would have learned much and both sides will most definitely improve.

Yul Brynner, Englishmen, mad dogs and Marton

**Foots. JUST 2
St George 2**

Scores: St George: Wilkinson 24th, Marton 85th; JUST: Cozzella 86th, Hazabent 70th.

Ground: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: About 600.
Weather: Very hot, above 40 deg.

Yellow cards: Davies (St G), Retcliffe (St G).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 10 — Milne 8, O'Reilly 6, Kondarios 8, Hazabent 7 — Curovic 6, Iloski 6, Jovanovic 6 — Cozzella 6, Kojic 6 (Vasic 83rd), Lujic 6.

ST GEORGE: BUDAPEST: Fraser 6 — Skeen 8, M. O'Shea 7, Retcliffe 6, R. O'Shea 6 — Barton 8, Stone 9, Davies 8 — Wilkinson 9, Campbell 9, Lerinc 6 (Marton 85th).

In conditions that wouldn't even suit made dogs and Englishmen, 22 brave men courted possible heat exhaustion and Saints' Yul Brynner, Laszlo Lerinc, risked severe sunburn of the scalp.

Some however, showed remarkable resilience in not only remaining on their feet, but also playing with inspiration and an energy level which at first appeared out of the question.

These iron men were Saints' Paul Wilkinson, Ernie Campbell and Peter Stone, and JUST goalkeeper Jovanovic Boland who saved a penalty by John Davies in paying the way for a draw.

Really, the result appeared well beyond JUST after the first half during which Saints had thoroughly outplayed their opponents in midfield.

JUST's players were thoroughly drained, their defenders were frazzled by the failure of their midfielders to pick up opponents.

But when Bruno Cozzella scored and Igor Hazabent shot JUST into the lead with a brilliant long drive into the top corner, the men in blue suddenly started running.

One had to feel sorry for Hazabent. He was a hero when he gave JUST the lead, but he was full of apologies after playing a poor crossfield clearance which Des Marton intercepted for Saints' equalising goal.

Marton had been kept on the bench by coach Frank Arok, who explained that Marton was carrying a bit of weight, that at 33 he was much older than the others and that he would not be fully effective in the heat.

But Marton lived up to his goalscoring reputation after coming on as a substitute. After making that interception, he ran down the left, sidestepped Jim O'Reilly and scored a neat low shot past Boland.

Both teams took full advantage of every opportunity to slow down the play. There was a lot of squabbling in defence and midfield, the respective sweepers held the ball as long as possible, and so did the goalkeepers.

Only a minute after those changes, Slobodan Jovanovic slipped the ball short to Zdravko Lujic and Bruno Cozzella controlled Lujic's square ball into the box before scoring the equaliser.

JUST took the lead in the 70th minute, with Zoran Iloski laying it off to Hazabent for that long shot into the top right-hand corner.

Campbell had the chance to equalise with a close-range shot but Boland proved too good once more.

He did not, however, have a chance against Marton's slide-rule shot five minutes from the end, leaving the game deadlocked at 2-2.

Saints were impressive, but JUST played well below par, especially in midfield, not that it's fair to make criticism in weather such as this.



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING:
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Referee Chris Bambridge put on an excellent performance, allowing the players to leave the pitch at will for refreshments, and never complaining about obvious time-wasting.

Perhaps he could have awarded Jim Milne a penalty when Milne appeared to be tripped on his way into the area, but that's debatable.

Ernie Campbell set up the first goal, in the 24th minute, with a neat square ball out of the reach of advancing goalkeeper Boland, for Wilkinson to tap into the net, unmarked.

Mark Barton missed an easy scoring chance from another set-up by Campbell, before Bambridge awarded St George a penalty over a foul by Jim Kondarios on David Skeen.

John Davies took the kick, but Boland saved it to the delight of his team-mates and the few spectators who had ventured away from Marton for Lerinc.

A tackle by Jim Kondarios on Lerinc almost certainly prevented St George from scoring, and Boland brilliantly stopped a shot by Davies before both teams used their one substitute — JUST replacing Milan Kojic with Dragan Vasic, and St George bringing on Marton for Lerinc.

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West to rise?

**West Adel 0
Brisb. Lions 0**

Crowd: 2500
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Weather: Windy and hot.
Cautions: Brennan (West), Niven (Lions).

Referee: Don Campbell.
West Adelaide: Crook 8 — Zdravko Lujic 8, M. Cozzella 6, Maricic 6 — Booth 7, Sumner 8, Honeyman 7, Wright, 77th, Doorne 7 — Heys 8, Brennan 6.

Lions: Lowndes 8 — Niven 7, Bennett 9, Tuttle 8, Gunning 7, McLean 7, Burns 7, Hogg 8 — Williamson 7, Millman 7.

It is too early to make any safe predictions, but West Adelaide appear as if it finally will get rid of the relegation blues.

It looked impressive against Lions who did not play badly either.

Obviously, Lions form was much better than their recent poor results in friendly games indicated.

West's new coach Alan Vest played five of his six new recruits — New Zealand World Cup stars Steve Sumner and Alan Booth, English striker Mick Brennan, stopper Robbie Dunn from Azzurri, and Graham Heys, the former Hawthorn winger.

Only Beograd midfielder Adrian Santrac was left out of the team.

It will take time for Vest to organise his team and have it perform the way he wants but positive signs are there.

Lions, meanwhile, again look the efficient side of last year, though they will miss Jim Hermiston this season.

That is not taking anything away from his replacement, Mal Tuttle, who had a good game, but Hermiston's calming influence and his creative forays will be needed when the heat is on.

Not that things were cool in Adelaide for this match. On the contrary, the conditions were oppressive. The 40 degree temperatures affected both sides and ruined the game.

What made it even more difficult was a swirling wind, which made constructive play difficult.

Though the match was evenly balanced, West created more opportunities and deserved both points.

Young defender Tom Totsi-



Meno Toutsidis

MATCH RATING:
7

early but defender Paul Burns cleared off the line.

And in the 24th minute, Sumner, West's new captain, had his header also cleared off the line.

Lions' only major opportunity came in the 40th minute when Billy Williamson got away from Dunn and fired a powerful shot, but Marty Crook saved superbly.

Crook had a good day and made two good saves in the second half just when Lions were pressing hard for an upset win.

Booth had the last opportunity of the match in the 83rd minute when he saw his goal-bound shot deflected to the feet of a Brisbane Lions defender.

Vest brought on Jimmy Wright in place of Graham Honeyman late in the game but by this time the match was all over.

Both sides were content to sit on the ball. The heat had taken its full toll.

The only flash of temper came early in the game when Alan Niven and Brennan were shown the yellow card for niggling each other.

BLANCO'S BACK

In a shock move Sydney City Soccer Club announced the appointment of Raul Blanco as assistant coach to Eddie Thomson.

The likeable Blanco had two horror years when he failed to last out the 1980 season as St George coach and repeated his unhappy experience with Marconi last season.

On the other hand the Sydney Slickers have topped the Philips Soccer League no less than three times in its five year existence.

However club officials were on Blanco's doorstep last Sunday immediately after he returned from a family and football study trip to his native Argentina.

"We believe that Raul is the very man to bring our outstanding youth players through to the senior side," Slickers' secretary David Childs said.

Blanco himself is delighted to receive the unexpected challenge.

"It is great to be back with a big club with such a tradition. I am grateful for the confidence they have shown in me," he said.

It is the second time that Blanco has bounced back since those earlier disasters.

He was appointed assistant to National Youth Coach Les Scheinfug last October for the World Youth Championship Finals.

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RINGWOOD 1 (Gibson) NORTHCOLE 0

RINGWOOD: Barclay 7 — Pezman 7, Luytzen 7, de Graaf 7, Vaniers 7 — O'Reilly 8, Brooks (Nykholt 88th), Dixon 6, (Cosier H.T.8) — Hoyland 7, Stroast 6, Gibson 8.

NORTHCOLE: not available.
Ringwood Wilhelmina has signed keeper Ken Barclay from Linfield in Northern Ireland, striker Dave Gibson from Hull City, ex-Altona striker Dave Hoyland, Billy de Graaf from Wollongong



Wollongong's John Fleming (left) dispossesses Alun Evans of Hellas. Pictures by LES SHORROCK

A moment of magic for Davidson, Egan does it again



Craig Mackenzie

MATCH RATING:
7

**S.M. Hellas 3
Wollongong 0**

Scorers: Egan 2, Davidson. **Ground:** Middle Park. **Crowd:** About 1,800. **Referee:** Mellings 5. **Cautions:** Fontana, Ainsworth (Woll), Shirra (SMH). **HELLAS:** Laumets 8 - Nicolaides 8, Jones 8, Xanthopoulos 8, Shirra 8 - Davidson 8, Stevenson 7, Turner 7 (inj. Blair 70th) - Egan 8, Evans 7, Campbell 7.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7 - Fleming 6, Bartogna 7, Dunleavy 6, Ainsworth 6 - Campbell 7, Adams 6, Gaffney 5 - Cotton 7, Fontana 5 (Willis 67th), O'Connor 6.

Welcome to PSL soccer Charlie Egan.

Now you know that the art of sneak into scoring positions and your finishing are just as effective as they were last year in your all-conquering stint in the Victorian State League.

This may be pre-natal days as far as the 1982 PSL is concerned but for Hellas it was just the start the club needed if it is to go one better this year and win the elusive PSL title.

Searing temperatures added to the intensity of physical effort. It also lured a dismal crowd to Middle Park some four days after Hellas had captured the Victorian Ampol Cup.

Indeed the crowd, around about 1800, was the lowest Hellas home crowd since the inception of the PSL in 1977.

Still, the few Hellas fans brave enough to weather the weather went home happy after a three-goal second half.

Kiwi International Grant Turner showed much more confidence and ability than he'd shown in four Ampol cup appearances.

Relishing going forward, Turner should have put Hellas ahead in the 27th minute. Another Hellas recruit, David Jones from Adelaide City, sent a searching through ball from just inside is attacking half. Wollongong right back Peter Fleming turned toward goal and chipped down but Turner nipped in, won the ball, but shot straight at Natch Vardareff who had done well to get off his line and spread himself in front of the New Zealander.

Then Egan was through on to an Alan Davidson pass but the little Scot pushed the ball too far ahead, allowing Vardareff to charge out and smother.

Hellas players were out too early for the second half. They waited around under the blazing sun for almost three half minutes until referee Stuart Mellings and the Wollongong players emerged from the shade of the dressing rooms.

Hellas fans waited just eight minutes into the second half to



Hellas' injured striker Steve Wooddin, left foot in plaster, watches from the bench flanked by Lou Tsigras (left) and Bertie Lutton.

find something to get really enthusiastic over — a goal.

Davidson jinked past two opponents as he cut in from the left then let fly with a 20 metre shot which Vardareff parried. The incoming Egan gave Vardareff no chance with a low shot from seven metres.

As players struggled to recover in the heat, large blocks of ice rained upon the pitch. Hellas players gladly accepted the offering.

Then George Campbell and Alun Evans combined in style just inside their attacking half. They played a series of three one-touch passes with each other before Evans sent Egan free wide on the right. Egan charged toward goal, then cut the ball back into Evans' path.

The Hellas captain's shot was charged down and the ball fell to Turner who blasted over.

Then Clive Campbell forced Peter Laumets into an acrobatic dive as he shot firmly from about 20 metres out.

Within a minute Egan had snatched his second.

George Campbell and Evans combined in a one-two but Egan ran through on to Evans' chip, intended for Campbell. Wollongong players appealed for offside as Egan slammed the ball past Vardareff. Referee Mellings consulted his linesman, then awarded the goal even though Egan looked to be about a metre offside.

The icing on Hellas' celebratory cake was provided by Soccerpro Davidson in a very special moment.

Muniz on the way back

Former Brazilian and Soccerpro star Agenor Muniz is getting ready to hit the PSL big time once again.

The Sydney City Hakoah midfielder has been out of action for more than four months, as a result of a serious knee injury.

He has undergone an operation on his left knee, which saw the removal of two cartilages and ligaments.

"My knee, apart from some huge scars, is in perfect order now and I have

resumed full training," Muniz said last week.

"Within a very short space of time I expect to be back in the running for a first team spot with City."

Muniz has joined Hakoah Sydney in 1971 and for many years was one of the outstanding players on the Australian scene.

At various times he played for Adelaide City and Pan Hellenic.

— PETER SCOTT

MATCH RATING:
6

**Sydney C. 1
Makedonia 1**

Played at St George Stadium —

Attendance — 1480
Scorers — Bruce (S.C.) 2nd min Brown (P) 32 mins
Referee — P. Rampley (8)

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH:
Clarke 5 — Mullen 5, O'Connor (sent off), Robertson 3, Bruce 6 — Spanos 3, Barnes 3, Souness 4 — Watson 6, Kosmina 6, Murray 2 (Cont 62nd).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA:
Rainey 5, McMillen 3, Petrovski 5, Beach 3 — Miranda 3, Boyle 6, Flavell 6, Whittle 4 — Ward 2, Brown 9.

Cautions — S. O'Connor (20th min) M. Barnes (48th min) L. Souness (72nd min).

Sent off — S. O'Connor (47th min).

Rarely has a game opened with such a bang only to finish with such a whimper — and if Preston had any strike force at all they would have begun the season with a victory.

Barely 60 seconds had elapsed before Doug Brown crashed the ball against the upright and only another 60 seconds passed to find the ball in the back of the Preston net.

Ian Souness fed a superb pin-point 40-metre pass down the right to Kevin Mullen on the overlap and he brushed aside a tackle to push a low ball into the middle for Ian Bruce to sweep home from close range.

So all looked promising for the champions of the past two years. Pushing forward with confidence, although not always with the flair of previous years, Sydney City left Preston with their hands full.

Murray Barnes cracked one over the top after nine minutes and John Spanos was unlucky as he stumbled under pressure to put a chance past the post in the 16th minute.

Barnes was left with only Richard Wilson to beat in the 18th minute but was too slow to get his shot in. The ball was scrambled away, put back into the penalty area and Souness was brought down by Ljube Petrovski.

From the spot Souness half hit the ball for the bottom right-hand corner but Wilson had guessed correctly and pushed the ball away.

Suddenly it was a new game as Preston settled down and began to build from the back with sensible short passes and use of the width of the pitch.

But it all fell down at the edge of the penalty area. With no target man and an unwillingness to take a man on in an attacking situation Preston flourished around without opening spaces and rarely with a man running off the ball.

Nevertheless they deserved to equalise and it took an individual effort to crack the Sydney City defence. Brown picked the ball up just over the half way line and despite being shadowed by Alice Robertson he was able to crack an angled drive into the corner of the net as he entered the penalty area.

Had Willie Murray been more positive three minutes before the interval when, with only Wilson to beat, he softly, lobbed the ball into the tall goalkeeper's hands, things might have changed — but it was not to be.

Two minutes after the restart Steve O'Connor (already

the recipient of a yellow card in the 20th minute) clashed with Alan Whittle. Referee Peter Rampley was less than 10 metres away and had no hesitation in giving O'Connor his marching orders.

So now Preston were faced with only 10 men but were incapable of capitalising on their advantage.

Indeed, it was Sydney City who looked the better team and one felt that now was the time for Peter Ollerton to

bring himself on to provide the forward power so lacking in the Preston outfit.

Barnes and Souness were both shown the yellow card as the 2nd half stuttered on.

After 62 minutes Murray was replaced by Jim Cant and with the irrepressible John Kosmina giving his all, it was Wilson who was being kept the more active when the situation suggested that Clarke should have been under some pressure.

With 15 minutes to go it was apparent that both sides had settled for a draw. With their condition running out, Preston packed their defence and their 10 opponents were content to go through the motions.

At the final whistle two things were painfully apparent — unless Preston find themselves a strike force they will not improve — and unless Sydney City cut out the unnecessary aggression and get back to playing soccer they will struggle to stay in the top spot.

Silva disappointed

**APIA 2
Marconi 0**

Stadium: Lambert Park.

Crowd: 4233.

Referee: T. Boskovic 7.

Scorers: McBreen 41th Giampaolo 83th.

Yellow cards: Henderson, Pullen, Vieri.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Bozanic 6, Henderson 8, Brokalo 6, Budini 6, Carbone 6, Vieri 5, Silva 7, Dixione 6, Jankovics 7, Licato 6 (Hunter 7, 45th).

APIA — LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 6, Wilson 7, Pullen 6, McCausland 6, Bradley 7, Butler 7, McBreen 7, Marsello 7, Sopor 7 (Hughes 42nd Giampaolo 7).

Marconi, boasting its most recent signing, Hilton Silva (ex-Hakoah) from Sydney Croatia, was no match for APIA in this traditional Italian derby which failed to live up to expectations because of the heat.



Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING
7

From the start there was no real doubt as to which side was going to win. APIA started much better and in general

play they were nearly always half a metre quicker. This was particularly evident when you watch the tired legs of one Roberto Vieri.

For almost all the first half, APIA-Leichhardt were camped in Marconi's territory. Most of the Marconi side

seemed quite content with this and left most of the defending to Tony Henderson.

Actually Henderson was quite superb particularly in his clashes with the dynamic Soper. This was undoubtedly the highlight of the match and I'm sure you would get every spectator back tomorrow if you could guarantee them a repeat performance.

One pressure finally told in the 41st minute. Soper had just said one on for McBreen with the shot just being pushed over the bar. Off the ensuing corner Butler crossed to the far post where McBreen made no mistake with his second chance in 30 seconds.

Leichhardt put the result beyond doubt seven minutes from the finish. Sebastian Giampaolo was put into the clear by John Bradley. Giampaolo coolly ran around the stranded Maher and made it 2-0.

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PENALTY, THEN EGAN WINS

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Evans pen, Egan) HEIDELBERG 1 (Taylor). Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park. **MATCH RATING: 8. Referee: Voutsinas 5. Crowd: about 9,000. Cautions: Macleod, Yzendoorn (Heid), Shirra, Campbell (Hellas).**

HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Nicolaidis 6, Shirra 7, Xanthopoulos 8, Jones 7 — Davidson 7, Stevenson 6, Turner 6 — Wooddin 7 (inj, Campbell 65th 7), Evans 7, Buljevic 7 (Egan HT 7).
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — McMillan 9, Macleod 7, Yzendoorn 7, Yankos 7 — Selemidis 7, Taylor 7 (Tasovski 69th 7), Rooney 7 — Campbell 9, Cole 7, Paton 6.

Despite the brilliance of Heidelberg winger Jim Campbell, it was Hellas new boy, Charlie Egan, who put the finishing touches on an exciting spectacle with a goal in extra time to cap a Hellas fightback when all seemed lost.

Referee Dennis Voutsinas played no small part in Hellas' victory. His crucial penalty decision in the 53rd minute and the professional calm in the critical penalty-taking situation by Hellas captain Alun Evans enabled the blue-shirted army to take the game into an added 20 minutes of extra time.

Egan has taken little time in endearing himself to the large Hellas following. A three-goal burst against Croydon in an earlier Ampol Cup round and the winning goal in last Saturday night's final coupled with his diminutive build have ear-

marked him as a crowd favorite. Egan could prove to be one of the bargain buys in Australian soccer.

The goalscorer Hellas has been looking for may have been found in the slight frame of the elusive Egan whose ability to buzz in behind defenders and get into scoring situations took its toll in one lethal moment last Saturday.

Yet there was no better performer in this thrilling final than will o' the wisp Jim Campbell whose lightning bursts forward both on and off the ball, were a delight to behold.

As expected Hellas coach John Margaritis used markers for Gary Cole and Jamie Paton. Another new Hellas signing, ex-Socceroo David Jones from Adelaide City, was given the daunting task of

picking up Cole while Arthur Xanthopoulos stuck close to Paton.

Although Jones broke down many of Heidelberg's first-half forays twice Cole got free with only Peter Laumets confronting him but failed to score goals which could have sounded the death knell for Hellas.

In the 43rd minute one of the classic moves of the match was contrived by Jim Campbell who gained possession on Heidelberg's right. Campbell cut inside and passed to Paton whose first time lay-off sent the ball into Campbell's path. Still in full flow, Campbell switched play to Jimmy Rooney who had snuck up near the left edge of the Hellas area. Rooney curled the ball at far post as the unmarked Cole charged in. Cole tried to make up the vital yards in order to connect with the ball as it hit the ground and at the last minute stretched forward and shot, missing the inside of the near post by centimetres.

Two minutes later Jones was caught out. A through ball to Cole from Campbell found Jones in front of Cole rather than goal side. Cole charged in as Peter Laumets ran almost to the edge of his area. Cole shot straight at Laumets, now two metres away from the big blond striker. Laumets parried clear. Cole had failed again. Egan took over from Branko

Buljevic during the interval. Buljevic hadn't played poorly. Maybe Margaritis wanted to use Egan's ability to get in behind defenders.

Buljevic had been exploited in the first half as the target for many high balls played into Heidelberg's area. From one such move — a floated free kick from John Stevenson — Buljevic's back header easily was gathered by Jeff Oliver as Alun Evans charged in.

Evans was on the end of one of Hellas's two scoring chances in this half. Alan Davidson shrugged off two challenges on the right then crossed to the edge of the area. Evans waited as the ball bounced in front of him, then unleashed a volley which flew over the bar.

Buljevic gained possession on the left, moving toward the area. He quickly relayed the ball inside to Grant Turner who, in turn, tapped it to his right for Steve Wooddin but Theo Selemidis intercepted, getting an impotent touch which gave Hellas a corner.

Eight minutes into the second period, Cole robbed Arthur Xanthopoulos, allowing Jimmy Rooney to win possession. Rooney pushed the ball back to Cole who let it run for Ken Taylor but Peter Laumets safely held Taylor's long, low shot.

Then Don Macleod barges into Evans who remonstrates with referee Voutsinas to keep an eye on the aggressive Heidelberg stopper.

Within a minute of this confrontation Heidelberg breaks the deadlock.

Taylor goes on a run down Heidelberg's right and tries to pass to Jim Campbell. The ball is intercepted but falls again to Taylor. He seems to be looking for room to cross, then suddenly unleashes a right foot drive which rockets high into the roof of the Hellas net. Laumets seems late to react, as if unlighted.

The yellow and black flags and streamers shoot skyward. Chants of "A-A-Alexandros" swirl around the stadium. Hellas looks beaten even though there's plenty of time left. Hellas looks incapable of penetrating Heidelberg's defence in which Arthur McMillan is outstanding.

Paton twice is hit hard by Xanthopoulos; the second time the Heidelberg target man needs treatment.

Then a poor back pass from Nicolaidis sets up Campbell who is in full cry toward goal until Jones brings him down just outside the box.

Cole fails to connect with a Taylor cross in the 64th minute. Theo Selemidis is better positioned behind Cole. Perhaps they didn't talk.

Time's running out for Hellas. Just when Heidelberg looks set for victory referee Voutsinas gives a penalty against Theo Selemidis who allegedly pushes Jones inside the Heidelberg area.

Evans makes no mistake. Hellas has won a reprieve and looks to have earned a full acquittal when Turner, at the back post, heads down to Egan who put the ball away. But Turner has used his hands to climb up on the back of Heidelberg defender. Free kick to the Bergers.

Extra time is needed, with the possibility of a penalty showdown uppermost in the minds of the spectators. Until Egan strikes.

From just two metres out Egan turns on a ball headed down at the back post and gleefully slots it past a helpless Oliver.

Hellas fans go wild. Their euphoria isn't dampened throughout the remaining minutes and the presentation ceremony after the match.

John Margaritis and his team are heroes. Margaritis made two substitutions, Egan for Buljevic and wee George Campbell for the injured Steve Wooddin. The talented Kiwi international is in plaster for two weeks, then is due to undergo two physiotherapy sessions daily. He could be out for up to about six weeks.

Beating Heidelberg is like winning a crucial battle. With the PSL just under way the war between these arch-rivals is yet to be won. First blood to Hellas, though.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Alun Evans (left) and Gary Cole rise above Grant Turner to contest a header in the Ampol Cup final between Hellas and Heidelberg. No. 5 is Don Macleod. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Contrast the keynote of Ampol Cup final



TIM WHITE

Victorian coaching director

I overheard recently a conversation concerning the scoring of goals whilst watching a game at Olympic park.

The question was raised as to why goals are scored and the inevitable answer was given in one word — mistakes. I suppose this is true, but then how far back in the game does one go to pinpoint the mistake.

There are basically five reasons by goals are scored and generally it is one of these reasons or a combination of them which causes the goal:

1. Lack of pressure on the man on the ball.
2. Lack of support for player challenging the man on the ball.
3. Failure of track down players.
4. Giving the ball away.
5. Set plays (free kicks, corners etc).

The contrasting styles of Heidelberg and Sth Melbourne Hellas were one of the main features in an exciting Ampol Cup final last week. Heidelberg used a system of marking zones of the pitch whereas Sth Melbourne adopted a system of marking individual opponents.

Heidelberg players generally covered areas of the pitch whereby Sth Melbourne players were designated to particular members of the opposition.

As a result Jim Shirra, who lined up at left back for Hellas adopted the sweeper role as his fellow defenders marked individuals. This pattern also was adopted by Hellas in midfield and because of this, it was particularly noticeable that Grant Turner, who has been used in recent weeks in the middle of the midfield, played mainly on the left hand side.

As a result the defensive line ended up looking like this:

LAUMETS (SM)		
SHIRRA (SM)		
XANTHOPOULOS (SM)	JONES (SM)	NICOLAIDES (SM)
PATON (H)	COLE (H)	CAMPBELL (H)
DAVIDSON (SM)	STEVENSON (SM)	TURNER (SM)
ROONEY (H)	TAYLOR (H)	SELEMIDES (H)
WOODDIN (SM)	EVANS (SM)	BULJEVIC (SM)
YANKOS (H)	MACLEOD (H)	McMILLAN (H)
YZENDOORN (H)		
OLIVER (H)		

Defensively Sth Melbourne generally stuck rigidly to its man marking role whilst Heidelberg was prepared to pass players over as it changed areas of the field.

With these defensive roles ensured, when the team had the ball, it was possible to use that cover to help build up effective attacking movements.

The end result was a fascinating struggle between a disciplined and well organised Heidelberg defence and a Hellas defence which stuck rigidly to its task. Unfortunately from Sth Melbourne's point of view, I felt this man marking was a bit foreign to some of the players, particularly John Stevenson and Turner.

Since both defences were highly organised improvisation and understanding among attackers became the key factors in creating goal scoring chances. The latter will be achieved more effectively if work on this is done on training nights.

Heidelberg's attackers showed better understanding of each others play and, as a result of players being prepared to make unselfish runs to draw defenders away and create space for fellow attackers, they created more chances than their opponents.

Sth Melbourne's attack on the other hand, relied on the individual flair of its front runners who appeared to lack an understanding of each other's play.

Why then did Hellas win? Let's look briefly at the goals scored and see if they coincide with my five reasons for why goals are scored.

Goal No. 1 by Kenny Taylor was most definitely the result of lack of pressure on the man with the ball as I'm sure Kenny must have been surprised at the time given to him to set himself up for the final shot.

Goal No. 2 (the equaliser) came from a penalty following a free kick into the penalty area. Goal No. 3 again came from a Sth Melbourne free kick with the Heidelberg defence guilty of failing to track down the elusive Charlie Egan.

So set pieces played a vital role in this game. Don Macleod's over eagerness in the challenge, turned out to be Heidelberg's downfall. Macleod played well on the seasoned Alun Evans but both Sth Melbourne's goals came from free kicks given away by him, each time on Evans. However I must say I am amazed at times at the way in which Evans, by using his professional guile can 'con' referees and win free kicks for his team in dangerous situations.

However the game was an exciting affair and perhaps it was very fitting that it was not decided by penalty kicks.

Training has commenced with the Victorian Youth Team (qualifying date 1-8-1983) in preparation for the National Youth Championships in May 1982.

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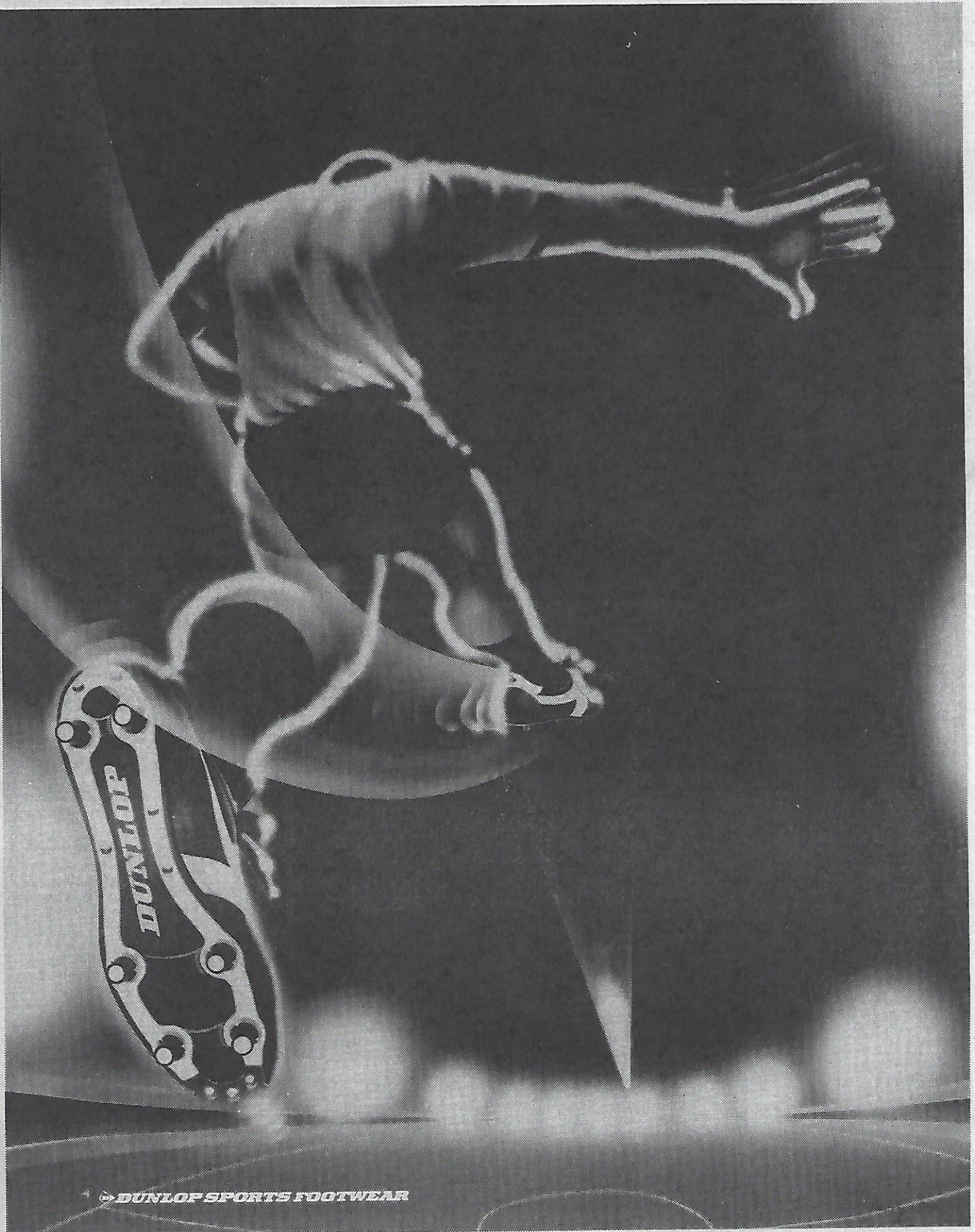


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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Banovic makes senior debut

Former Heidelberg keeper Yakka Banovic recently made his first team debut for Derby County against Sheffield Wednesday when Yakka's side won 3-1.

A.C. Milan's new manager, Italo Galbattini, and the club's general manager Gianni

Rivera both made scathing attacks on Joe Jordan who joined it last year from Manchester United but has been plagued by injury and not revealed his real striking power. Galbattini says: "It's about time Joe woke up." - Rivera is quoted: "In his present condition I don't think Scotland would take him to Spain."

If Yugoslavia suffers some loss of striking power in the World Cup finals it might be tempted to use its goalkeeper Dragan Pantelic up front. Before joining his present club Bordeaux the keeper played for Radnicki and once scored seven goals as a striker.

Scotland will dispense with the national anthem when it trots out in the World Cup finals and will be greeted by its fans to the tune of 'Scotland the Brave'. England and Northern Ireland will still use 'God Save the Queen'.

As clubs prepare for the new North American Soccer League season, New York Cosmos announces that former Italian World Cup striker Gino Chinaglia will be making his swan song. Cosmos is almost certain to look to Kevin Keegan as a replacement to ensure it stays as a top side and may make overtures for the Southampton player after the World Cup.

Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen and Arsenal are all reported to be chasing 24-year-old Airdrie striker Sandy Clark who has been with the club since he was 15 as a protégé from its Boys Club. It will need a \$500,000 transfer fee to get this goalscorer.



From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

In three seasons with the club, his recent ordering off may see him out of action for the rest of the season. English League clubs are a massive \$50 million in the red according to Mr John Quinton senior general manager of Barclays Bank who says the situation is getting worse week by week.

Two former top English players have returned home from Hong Kong soccer disillusioned by the astronomical price of housing in the Colony. The pair are Charlie George ex-Arsenal, Nottingham Forest and Southampton, and

Mei Blyth ex-Crystal Palace, Southampton and Millwall.

Oxford United, recently rescued by millionaire Robert Maxwell, has lost its manager Ian Greaves who was only on a gentleman's agreement with the club. Greaves, ex-Bolton boss, has been appointed manager of Wolves in succession to John Barnwell but tycoon Maxwell is considering legal action against Greaves.

Northern Ireland captain Martin O'Neill who moved from Norwich City to Manchester City late last year, now has moved back to the East Anglian club at a reported drop of \$900 a week in wages.

Allegations of "fiddles" over admission and season tickets at the Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur grounds are being investigated by the clubs.



Derby County's Yakka Banovic in action for Heidelberg-Alexander

Clamp on Happel

West German soccer club Hamburg says it will not release coach Ernst Happel to manage Austria's World Cup squad this summer.

Hamburg President Dr Wolfgang Klein said in a statement after receiving a letter setting out the objections of the West German Soccer Federation (DFB): "The issue is finally settled."

Austrian and West German soccer officials have been at loggerheads over Happel, an Austrian citizen, since the countries were drawn together in Group Two in Spain next June.

But Happel told reporters: "For me, the matter is finally closed."

This latest development followed a report from Vienna that the West Germans had dropped earlier objections to the part-time appointment of Happel, who coaches three West German internationals at Hamburg.

"We cannot confirm that we have no objections to the engagement of Happel. On the contrary we are, as before, against such an arrangement," the DFB said in a message to Hamburg, reported by West German Sports Agency S.I.D.

Happel led the Netherlands to the World Cup final in Argentina four years ago in a brief spell as Dutch part-time manager but the West Germans say there was an agreement that it would be unfair for Happel to manage Austria in Spain under the circumstances.

Austria and West Germany, who meet in Gijon on June 25, are favourites to qualify for the second round at the expense of Chile and Algeria.

Happel, whose contract with Hamburg runs until 1983, manages defender Manfred Kaltz, midfielder Felix Magath and striker Horst Hrubesch, who are all likely to play a prominent part in West Germany's campaign in Spain.

S.I.D. quoted Austrian Federation vice-president Walter Zips as saying, in an attach on DFB chief Hermann Neuburger: "The last time Germans spoke to Austrians like that was in the 1930s and 40s."

Austrian soccer chief Karl Sakanina said: "I can't understand that the Germans have still not conquered their Cordoba fear", he added, in a reference to the surprise 3-2 defeat the Austrians inflicted on their more favoured rivals in Argentina in 1978.

Cameroon sacks Zutic

Branco Zutic of Yugoslavia has lost his job as coach of the Cameroon national team and officials are in the market for a new man with an international reputation before this year's World Cup competition.

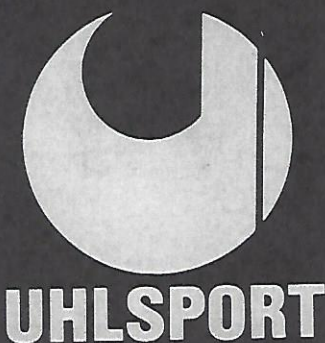
The French Sports daily L'Equipe in a report from Yaounde, Cameroon, said no official reason was given for Zutic's dismissal. But it quoted sources in "sports circles" as saying that at the "international level to which Cameroon has now risen, the qualities

of the Yugoslav coach are no longer sufficient."

Zutic has coached the "Indomitable Lions" for the past two years and led them to a place in this year's World Cup finals in Spain. The Cameroonians also have high hopes for the Africa Cup of Nations next month in Tripoli, Libya.

Assistant coach Atangana Ottou will continue in his present position, no matter who is chosen to replace Zutic, the report said.

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TASMANIAN SCENE

Letec, Glenorchy's general

Watching Frank Letec, 36, of Glenorchy-Croatia make a superb out-of-the-foot pass to send his winger away in a pre-season friendly recently, made me realise why the Zagreb-born veteran used to be nicknamed 'Kaiser' and the 'General' at the peak of his career.

Everyone now is waiting to see whether Letec will play this season. "If I really have time, I know I can make myself fit. I know I can still be a very valuable squad member and I have not lost my love of the game," says Letec.

But time is at a premium for him.

As well as being the president of the Hobart Australian-Croatian Club, he is national secretary of the Australian-Croatian Clubs, and hosts a



By WALTER PLESS

one hour Croatian show on FM multi-cultural radio.

Letec played with Dynamo Zagreb's junior and youth teams until the age of 18 when he migrated to Australia.

He played four games with Ringwood Wilhelmina upon his arrival, scoring eight goals, the first with a spectacular overhead kick. It was typical of his style.

In 1965 he was recruited by Glenorchy-Croatia and has played in defence, midfield and attack for it as well as for Danpro, Juventus, Caledonians and Rapid. He holds the senior

coaching badge of the ASF and has coached at senior level with Caledonians and Juventus. He also has coached state junior teams.

Letec has won just about every honour in the local game 1970 Player of the Year, three Anapol Cup winner's medals; one Cadbury Cup; one Michael and Tailor Cup; and three premiership. He has represented Tasmania against Sunderland and an English FA XI.

The man's attitude towards the game is as fresh as when he first started playing.

"During my career I've never missed training. I firmly believe that the more you put into preparation, the more rewards you'll get out of the game."

Always the soccer purist, he's a little disappointed with the present standards and believes the game "has lost its shine".

The goal Letec remembers above all others was his equalizer 30 seconds from the end of a cup final in 1979. "The cheque had already been signed and made out to our opponents. We went on to win 3-2 in extra-time."

Now, in the extra-time of his playing career, Glenorchy-Croatia fans are waiting to see whether Letec, the 'General', will once again take the field with their 'army' for the season's battles.

HOBART NEXT FOR HALES

It will take Tasmanian soccer fans a while to get used to the sight of Alistair Hayes, 28, in colours other than those of Brighton-ICL.

The diminutive Scottish midfielder with the cultured left foot has joined Southern State League side South Hobart after being with Brighton since his arrival in May, 1973 (except for a brief, one match stay with Greek side Olympiakos).

In those nine seasons, Hayes was a key player in the side, creating as well as finishing off moves, and he will be sorely missed by last season's league and cup double winner. He was captain and coach of the club (then known as Caledonians) in 1976 and 1977.

Born in Paisley, just outside Glasgow,

Hayes first played with junior clubs Benburb and Arthurie before trialling with league sides Morton and St. Mirren. It was during a trial with St. Mirren that he played against Gordon McQueen, the Scottish International, who also was sprogging through the ranks at that time.

Hayes has had an excellent career in Tasmania. He reached the top in 1976 when he won the Rothmans Gold Medal with a record tally of 37 points, unbeaten to the present day.

Representative honours include games against China, Toronto — Metros Croatia, Sunshine and Ringwood.

The whole build-up to the China game was fantastic and that game, together with my Gold Medal win, must be the

highlight of my career. I take my hat off to John Grimsey who prepared the team," said Hayes. Tasmania lost narrowly to China 2-1, after scoring through Tommy Wright.

As for the future, Hayes can't see South Hobart winning much but he is glad of the change. "I wasn't really happy last season. I wasn't enthusiastic anymore and I felt I needed a change. We might surprise a few teams."

I have a feeling that Hayes may be right. If he manages some of the intricate, jinking runs that he is famous for, this time in the cause of South Hobart, it will be opponents as well as spectators who will be surprised this season.

DARBY SOUND WARNING

Steve Darby, the Tasmanian Director of Coaching, has completed his first twelve months in the job.

In this period he has conducted or assisted with two senior, four preliminary and 10 basic coaching courses. These courses involved about 200 candidates, 76 of whom were physical education students.

"I'm very pleased with the work that's been done in the phys. ed. colleges," said Darby.

"I'm also pleased with the fact that 75 percent of state school players are either qualified coaches or are actively involved with children. As Eric Worthington said, a coaching scheme can be said to be working when senior players are involved with the development of youth."

Darby also has visited 24 clubs and 48

gaged in media work, and successfully coached the senior state team (both 'State of Origin' and 'open') to three impressive victories, against the Victorian Youth team, a Tasmanian 'Rest of the World' team, and South Melbourne Hellas.

The state team did not concede a goal in these three games and Darby has nothing but praise for his players and assistants. "Technically, these results are not that important to the role of Director of Coaching."

I'm also loathe to say 'I' got the results. It's a case of 'we' got the results, the coach and manager, the trainer, and of course the most important people, the players. And the players have been magnificent."

But the past 12 months haven't all been

lism which seems to be ever-present in Tasmanian soccer. "I feel we are at the crossroads. One path could lead us to a great future, the other path, if we succumb to parochialism, will lead to disintegration."

From experience, interstate people are starting to take notice of Tasmania. We must continue to build and to progress and to fulfill the obvious potential we have."

The state side's next match will be on April 14 at Glenorchy, against the Australian Institute of Sport team from Canberra.

The players are certain to show which path they think Tasmania soccer should take by performing to the best of their ability in this match. It is up to the administrators and supporters of the game to do their bit too in order to ensure that Tasmanian soccer takes the right path, the one

ALLY A FUTURE FOR THE CUP OF VIOLENCE

It's the biggest

By PAUL MOON
The successful promotion of December's Flamengo v Liverpool clash in Tokyo suggests that the World Club Cup has at last earned itself a permanent place on the soccer calendar — and a somewhat unlikely home.

The Cup, a scandal-strewn competition which appeared destined to fade into deserved oblivion, was revived last year by the sponsorship of Japanese car firm Toyota, which injected close to \$500,000 into the event.

The idea of matching the champions of Europe and South America to determine the kings of the world's most popular and competitive sport appeared logical enough in principle, but the Inter-Continental Cup, as it is alternatively known, has produced some of the blackest moments in soccer history.

The success of Real Madrid, probably the greatest club side of them all, during the first series in 1960, appeared to augur well for the future. The Pele-inspired Santos proved a worthy successor and an aggregate of 250,000 saw its two games against AC Milan in 1963. It wasn't until 1965 that the trouble started.

Independiente Buenos Aires and Internazionale di Milan, the latter nicknamed the 'black and blues' — and not only because of their striped shirts — were notoriously rugged combinations and provided a predictable exhibition of brutality.

It was off the paddock that the ugliest scenes occurred though, the Argentinean crowd bombarding the visitors with bottles and rocks. Internazionale coach Helenio Herrera suffered a severe head injury when hit by one missile, but at least had the consolation of victory.

Worse was to follow and the Racing Club (Argentina) v Glasgow Celtic debacle of 1967 still ranks among the most infamous chapters in the game's annals.

The first leg in Glasgow, which resulted in a 1-0 win to Celtic, proved relatively incident-free and gave little indication of what was to follow. As the two teams warmed up prior to kick-off for the second game in Buenos Aires, a spectator threw a stone which laid out Scottish goalkeeper Ronnie Simpson, who was stretched off severely concussed, not to take any further part in the tie.

Faced with a 60,000 crowd paying for its blood, a Racing team intent on victory at any cost and an enigmatic referee, the weakened Celtic was really up against it.

At half time his winger Jimmy Johnstone had to wash spittle from his hair, while the match was prolonged by six minutes of injury times. Racing won 2-1, thus necessitating a play-off, which today is remembered as the 'Montevideo Massacre'.

It was here that Celtic's discipline understandably snapped as it contributed its fair share towards a horrific 90 minutes.

Six players were sent off and the wonder is that the other 18 were somehow allowed to remain on the pitch. In the end Racing won with a solitary goal and its players played four.

Thus, the Germans kept their amazing world record for at least another year, they have not yet lost a World Cup qualifying tie since they first started taking part in 1934. They played 30 matches, winning 27, drawing 3 and amassed the goals tally of 110-18.

Team manager, Jupp Derwall, was well satisfied with the last two performances within four days. The 8-0 win over Albania in Dortmund was followed by a 4-0 thrashing of Bulgaria in Dusseldorf. In neither game did the Germans field their full side. Elke Immel (Borussia Dortmund) was given his chance in goal before his home crowd, Hannes replaced Stielike in the

WORLD CLUB CUP Tokyo — December 13

FLAMENGO 3 (Nunes 13 and 41, Adilio 34) LIVERPOOL 0

HT: 3-0. Att: 62,000 (225,000 pounds). Ref: Mario Rubio Vazquez (Mexico)

FLAMENGO: 1 Raul — 2 Leandro, 4 Mozer, 13 Marinho, 5 Junior — 7 Tita, 8 Adilio, 6 Andrade, 10 Zico, 11 Lico — 9 Nunes. Substitutes not used: Cantarele, Nei Dias, Figueroa, Peu, Baroninho. Coach: Paul Cesar Carpegiani.

LIVERPOOL: 1 Grobbelaar — 2 Neal, 4 Thompson, 6 Hansen, 3 Lawrenson — 14 Lee, 10 McDermott (sub. 12 Johnson), 11 Souness, 5 R. Kennedy — 7 Dalglish, 18 Johnston. Substitutes not used: Ogrizovic, A. Kennedy, Whelan, Sheedy. Manager: Bob Paisley.

Match statistics:

Flamengo: Shots: 10 (6 first half/4 second half — on target: 4/4). Fouls committed: 9 (5/4). Offside: 7 (4/3). Corners: 2 (1/1).

Liverpool: Shots: 12 (5/7 — 1/3). Fouls committed: 12 (6/6). Offside: 7 (4/3). Corners: 4 (1/3).

Best player awards: Zico and Nunes.

were rewarded with a car each, while the Celtic management fined each of its players \$600. Such was the difference between victory and defeat.

This further fuelled British-Argentinean football animosity which flared up after the notorious England v Argentina World Cup quarter final of 1966 and was further intensified by political wrangling over sovereignty of the Falkland Islands.

Therefore, when Manchester United was matched with Estudiantes de la Plata the following year, many people predicted another fracas. They were proven correct.

Estudiantes singled out United's 'name' players for special treatment. Bobby Charlton required three stitches in his leg after one horrendous tackle, while George Best responded to a series of assaults with a right hook to the chin of his marker. Both were sent off.

Nobby Stiles was also dismissed after expressing disgust at an atrocious offside decision given against him. This was one of many dubious decisions by the South American referee. During one United attack the ball clearly carried two feet over the Argentinians' goal line, a fact later confirmed by the television replay, yet play was waved on by the official.

A demoralised Manchester was well beaten long before the final whistle, but Estudiantes found AC Milan to be made of sterner stuff 12 months later.

The Italians took a three goal lead to Buenos Aires from the first leg and held onto their advantage despite Estudiantes' predictably ferocious tactics.

Milan's Argentinian-born forward Nestor Combin had his nose broken during the game and afterwards was threatened with imprisonment for having evaded military service 10 years earlier.

Combin avoided jail but four Estudiantes players were not so fortunate. Argentina's president Onganía, watching the match on television, ordered the quartet to be arrested for disgracing the Republic.

1970 saw Estudiantes given an opportunity to regain its title by opposing Holland's Feyenoord. After being held to a 2-2 draw on their own pitch, the South Americans went to

Rotterdam intent upon kicking the Dutchmen off the paddock. Feyenoord coach Ernst Happel had to substitute veteran winger Coen Moulijn, fearing for his safety after a serious of diabolical tackles, most of which went unpunished by the referee.

With delicious irony, Moulijn's replacement, the bespectacled Theo Van Daele, scored the only goal of the game and was 'rewarded' by having his glasses knocked off and trampled into the Rotterdam mud.

After the match, Happel referred to Estudiantes as 'gangsters' and the image of the Cup was tarnished even further.

Deterred by the experience of his compatriots, Ajax Amsterdam declined to participate the following year. Instead it was the team it beat in the European Cup final, Panathinaikos of Greece, that represented the Old World against Uruguay's Nacional. In the end the Greeks wished they hadn't bothered, losing not only the tie, but also their star defender with a broken leg.

Lured by huge financial guarantees, Ajax agreed to face Argentinians Independiente for the 1972 trophy. The decision almost cost Ajax a fortune.

Dutch superstar Johan Cruyff suffered a severe knee injury during the first leg in Buenos Aires which threatened to terminate his career. Fortunately Cruyff did recover sufficiently to play again and was later transferred to Barcelona for \$1,850,000.

Cruyff was not the only Ajax player to suffer though, and instead cajoling by coach Stefan Kovacs was required before the Dutchmen would return to the field following the half time break.

Ajax produced an epic performance to salvage a 1-1 draw and cruised through a relatively peaceful return, winning 3-0, but the Ajax players resolved en masse to wash their hands of any future involvement with the competition.

Therefore, when Ajax retained the European Cup, easily vanquishing Juventus of Turin in the final, it immediately announced it had no intention to meet independently again. Instead it was the Italians who faced the Latin American champion.

Ajax started a trend, for the total membership increased by 81,375 to 4,402,679. Of the teams, 24,526 embraced 14 to 18 year olds, 44,343 are schoolboys teams (up to 14 years).

Unlike in England and Italy, in West Germany a junior can only sign professional forms when he is 18 years old. Hence you don't see any 17-year-olds in the Bundesliga, except as apprentices. In addition, the youngsters must complete the compulsory national service, which lasts 15 months.

The Bundesliga championship ends on 29 May, and 15 days later the World Cup starts in Spain. So how long do the Germans have to prepare: Ten days at most.



Man of the Match Zico gets his pass away despite the attentions of three Liverpool players — (from left) Ray Kennedy, Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness.

only once in the following six years would Europe's top club agree to fulfill the fixture.

Three times the Champions' Cup runner-up was substituted, but in 1975 and 1978 no European club was prepared to step in and the Cup appeared set for an overdue and virtually unaltered death.

Only the South Americans were anxious for its survival. They saw the competition as a heaven-sent opportunity to inflate their coffers.

Most major Latin American clubs survive only by virtue of funds raised by friendships against European opposition during long and arduous tours. The possibility therefore of competitive fixtures involving the cream of both continents' club football had their soccer officials wringing their hands in anticipation.

In fact the Libertadores Cup, symbol of supremacy among South American clubs, was instituted primarily for the purpose of producing a challenger for the European Cup winners.

For its part, FIFA, the game's ruling body, refused to give its blessing to a World Cup which did not include the token participation of Asian and African representatives. Any enterprising promoter however could have envisaged the immense possibilities of a fixture between the world's top two soccer clubs, and it was in this role that Toyota appeared early in 1981.

After studying the competitions turbulent past, Toyota resolved that most major problems would be resolved by changing the format to that of a single fixture on a neutral ground and, not unnaturally, they chose Tokyo.

In the first game of the revamped Cup, Uruguay's Nacional defeated Nottingham Forest of England 1-0.

Despite the Japanese sporting public's preference for volleyball and baseball as spectator sports, 62,000 attended the game, while the worldwide television audience was estimated at 107 million and would have been even more had the Arab Broadcasting Union not boycotted the event because of the Israeli referee.

The game was an interesting, though hardly exhilarating, encounter, but more importantly did not produce any of the ugly scenes so commonplace before. The only negative factors were the ster-

ile atmosphere generated by the uncommitted crowd and the corrugated pitch.

In the latest encounter both Flamengo and Liverpool were guaranteed \$350,000 just for turning up. There were additional bonus, including a brand new Toyota Celica for the 'Man of the Match'.

The Brazilians gained an emphatic 3-0 win, proving themselves worthy world champions and suitable successors to Real Madrid, Santos, Ajax and Bayern Munich.

Four members of the Rio-based club are in the current Brazilian national squad, including Junior and Zico who

would be automatic selections for any World XI.

Junior, or Leovegildo Lins Gama as we was christened, is an extremely solid left back who moves upfield with devastating effect.

Many experts expect 28-year-old midfielder Zico to eclipse even the great Diego Maradona during this year's World Cup finals. Blessed with exquisite skills, Zico also possesses a stunning shot and has the ability to win games single-handed.

Exponents of Brazilian soccer at its stunning best, Flamengo may herald a golden era for the World Club Cup.

The Argentine club; River Plate in Buenos Aires is the biggest club in the world. 124,400 members pay their fee and most of them cheer for star player Mario Kempes, top goalscorer of the '78 World Cup.

CF Barcelona is in 2nd place and thanks to its 105,000 members; it can be called Europe's giant.

Boca Juniors Buenos Aires (80,000), Real Madrid (68,000), Cosmos New York (57,000), Flamengo Rio de Janeiro (56,000), Atletico Madrid (43,000), Manchester United (40,000), CF Valencia (32,000) and Colo-Colo Santiago de Chile (25,000) were the next biggest clubs in order of sequence.

Fashnu for sale

Strikers Ian Wallace and Justin Fashanu, who cost former European champion Nottingham Forest more than two million sterling (3.6 million Aust dollars), were put up for sale last week.

Wallace joined Forest from Coventry in 1980 for 1.25 million sterling (2.09 million Aust dollars) while Fashanu was priced at one million sterling (1.7 million Aust dollars) when he moved from Norwich last year.

Peter Taylor, Forest's assistant manager, said: "We have started losing matches recently and what we have done will, we feel, benefit the club in the long term."

Forest, European champion in 1979 and 1980, is lying 11th in the 22-team First Division.

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Germans still unbeaten

PLAYED EIGHT — won eight, goal tally 33-3 — that is the incredible record of West Germany's national team in their World Cup qualifying group. It is without parallel in any European section. Poland also won all her matches, but they only played four.

Thus, the Germans kept their amazing world record for at least another year, they have not yet lost a World Cup qualifying tie since they first started taking part in 1934. They played 30 matches, winning 27, drawing 3 and amassed the goals tally of 110-18.

Team manager, Jupp Derwall, was well satisfied with the last two performances within four days. The 8-0 win over Albania in Dortmund was followed by a 4-0 thrashing of Bulgaria in Dusseldorf. In neither game did the Germans field their full side. Elke Immel (Borussia Dortmund) was given his chance in goal before his home crowd, Hannes replaced Stielike in the

Bulgaria match because the latter had to play a league match with Real Madrid in that game the experiment was tried of using two centre forwards with Fischer and Hrubesch, but without great success.

Of the established stars Hansi Muller (VfB Stuttgart) was missing. The former had to undergo a cartilage operation which was performed by a well-known surgeon in Zurich, he will be out of action for at least two months.

The star of Germany's two quick victories was European 'Footballer of the Year' Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. He had a hat-trick against Albania and followed up with a couple v Bulgaria.

A major role, too, was played by his team-mate Paul Breitner. His promptings and vision, acceleration and finishing were of the highest order.

The West German Football Federation (DFB) claims to be the largest in the world. At the last count, it boasted 4.4 million registered players and 125,000 teams. The number of clubs has risen since the last survey by 374 to reach 18,367, while

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES and 6 YEARS HOME RESULTS

English and Scottish League Fixtures for Season 1981-82
Matches played on ground of first mentioned Club

FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1982

English League - Division III

Southend United v Fulham

English League - Division IV

Colchester United v Bradford City 2-1 3-0 1-4 1-0
Crawley Alexandra v Peterborough United 0-0 0-1 2-1
Stockport County v Port Vale 0-0 0-0 1-0 0-0
York City v Torquay United 0-0 0-0 1-0 0-0

SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1982

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All the scores

ENGLISH FA CUP

Fifth round: Chelsea 2 (Rocha-Brook, Lee) Liverpool 0
Coventry 4 (Thomson 2, Halsey 2) Oxford United 0, Crystal Palace 0 (O'Brien 0, O'Brien 0, Allan, Howe) Grimsby 1 (Moore) Shrewsbury 2 (Cross, Kinnell) Ipswich 1 (Davies), Tottenham 1 (Kennedy), Southampton 1 (Kennedy), West Brom 1 (Regis), Norwich 0, Leicester 2 (O'Neill, Young), Watford 0.

ENGLISH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 1 (Meade) Notts County 0, Everton 0 Stoke 0, Manchester City 4 (Francis, Reeves, McDonald, Stevens) Brighton 0, Middlesbrough 1 (McAndrew) Bournemouth 1 (Kennedy), Southampton 2 (Keegan, Chanon) Nottingham Forest 0, West Ham 2 (Orr, Stewart), Birmingham 2 (Whitmore, Van Nieuwen), Wolves 0 Manchester United 1 (Bridges).

DIVISION TWO

Derby 1 (Clayton) Charlton 1 (McAllister), Newcastle 2 (Treweek, Varad) Cardiff 1 (Stevens), Rotherham 1 (Smith) og Cambridge United 0, Wrexham 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1 (Barnes).

DIVISION THREE

Bristol Rovers 2 (Williams, Stephens) Preston 0, Carlisle 1 (Bannon) Brentford 0, Doncaster 4 (Snodling, Little, Lister, Pugh) Chester 3 (Henderson, Simpson 2), Gillingham 6 (Price 2, White, Duncan, Bruce, Cascarino) Wimbledon 1 (Katteridge) pen, Huddersfield 6 (Fletcher 2, Little, Hicks og, Gowing, Stanton) Reading 1 (Webb), Newport 0 Lincoln 0, Plymouth 0, Southend 0, Portsmouth 0, Torquay 0, Crawley 3 (Chesterfield 1) (Bennett), Swindon 1 (Henry) Bury 2 (Taylor, Cassidy), Walsall 0 Bristol City 1 (Newman).

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool 2 (McGowan, pen), Huddersfield 1 (Mansfield 3) (Parkinson, Cann, Lumley), Bournemouth 1 (Crawford) Blackpool 0, Bury 1 (Mansfield) Hartlepool 1 (Ward), Hartlepool 2 (Howard 2) Hereford 1 (Laidlaw), Peterborough 3 (Cooke 2, Clarke), Doncaster 1 (Stokes), Port Vale 0, Crewe 0, Sheffield United 4 (Trusson, Edwards 2, Hutton), York 0, Tranmere 2 (Cavan, Kerr) Hull 2 (Murtie 2).

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Executioners—that's Sydney Olympic

Ampol Cup competition in NSW has failed to provide a major upset. APJA-Leichhardt and Wollongong fought out a thrilling draw at Marconi Stadium, as did St George and Sydney City earlier on at Barton Park in the only encounters involving Phillips Soccer League clubs against each other.

Those games apart, St George cruised to an effortless 4-0 win over Auburn, while Olympic crushed North Sydney 6-1 to show that despite some criticism, PSL clubs are still the ones to beat in the Cup competition.

Croatia scored two narrow wins and will have to improve if it is to qualify for the quarter-finals, while Melita, after a thriller against Sutherland (3-3) almost "blew" it against Avala, ending 3-0 at the interval, then having to fight for a miserable 3-2 win.

Blacktown Demons had a lucky escape against Riverwood, after a 1-0 win, winning 1-0 after having to survive some anxious moments during the first 60 minutes. However, after their 4-1 win over Riverwood, Rale Rasicki, their coach, was elated. "We haven't even shown a glimpse of what we can do. We will be the best in the State League," exclaimed Rasicki after seeing his team demolish Abony's 1-0.

Indeed, it was possibly the best yet seen at Melita Stadium after two rounds with two thunderbolts by Krstic highlighting the afternoon.

Syd. Olympic 6 North Sydney 1

Scorers: Raskopoulos, Koussas 2, Katos, K. Wilson 2, Nth. Syd: Sultana.

OLYMPIC: Wilson Mouls (Akkoutis), Scott, K. Wilson, Ziras, Raskopoulos, (Phillips), Redfern, Gavin, Koussas, Jennings.

NORTH SYDNEY: Katsivelas, Silvestri, Hill, Da Costa, Appleyard, Bane (Vase), Tarmassano, Petaccia, Minutolo, Guidice (Burke), Sultana.

Referee: Terry Sassy. Sydney Olympians?

Sydney Raiders, Gunners.

No! No! Sydney Executioners? When it comes to blowing the opposition apart, certainly YES, for they came out shooting against North Sydney and with better aim, the score would have been in the double figures.

North Sydney is no mean opposition, with Archie Blue and Mat Guidice, the ageing stars,

AUSTRALIAN AMPOL OWNED

NSW AMPOL CUP

With ROGER SHERACK

GROUP 1

Marconi - Yugal 3-1
Blacktown - Canterbury 1-0
Canterbury - Yugal 4-0
Blacktown - Riverwood 4-0
Blacktown... 2 2 0 0 5-1 4
Canterbury... 2 1 0 1 4-1 2
Marconi... 1 1 0 0 3-1 2
Riverwood... 1 0 0 1 4-0
Yugal... 2 0 0 2 1-7 0

GROUP 2

Leichhardt - Bankstown 3-1
Polonia - Bankstown 3-1
Manly... 1 1 0 0 2-2
Polonia... 2 1 0 1 3-3 2
Wollongong... 1 0 1 0 1-1
Bankstown... 2 0 0 2 3-9 0

GROUP 3

Croatia - Auburn 1-0
St George - Sydney City 0-0
Croatia - JM United 1-0
St George - Auburn 2-0
Croatia... 2 2 0 0 2-0 4

GROUP 4

Avila - North Sydney 2-1
Melita - Sutherland 3-3
Sydney Olympic - N. Sydney 6-1
Melita - Avila 3-2
Melita... 2 1 1 0 6-5 3
Olympic... 1 1 0 0 6-1 2
Avila... 2 1 0 1 4-4 2
Sutherland... 1 0 1 0 3-1 1
Nth Sydney... 2 0 0 2 2-8 0

trying to hold the strings in this young and enthusiastic but far from proficient side. That certainly had a lot to do with the result, but goals apart, one had to sit and watch this Olympic side go through its paces. Jennings and Redfern, surely, must be the best wingers around and with nippy Gavin and robust and speedy Koussas in the middle of their front running, POLR, a smorgasbord of goals is going to be offered more than once this year at Sydney Olympic venues.

Olympic went to a half time lead with goals from Raskopoulos and Koussas. In the second half Katos set the stage with a superb drive which left Katsivelas helpless to make it 3-0.

Koussas scored his number two and Olympic's number four following a neat pass by Redfern, then came Kenny Wilson's header to make it 5-0. There were suggestions that Koussas scored this goal, as it apparently touched his foot as the ball was crossing the line.

Wilson made it 6-0 after some good work by Andy Scott to finish the rout of North Sydney. Joe Sultana, the man who scored North Sydney's only goal in the first match against Avila, repeated the trick by putting one past Peter Wilson.

Melita, Avila and Sutherland are yet to play Olympic. With the exception of Sutherland which has an uncanny habit of giving Olympic a hard time, I don't think the other two are eagerly awaiting for the encounter.

St. George 2 Auburn 0

Scorers: Marton 2

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Sheen (Rogus), Terry, Barton, Rylands, (R. O'Shea), Ratchiff, Davies, Stone, Campbell, Lerinc, Marton.

AUBURN: Bowman, McInerney, McKinnick, Prgomajic, Sullivan (O'Neill), McDonald, Quigley, Grive, (Hardwick), Pondekas, McDonald, O'Donnell.

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And while Marton continued his scoring form by hitting two past Bowman, Lerinc was disappointing and will have to do better to get into this St George side.

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Canterbury 4 Yugal 0

Scorers: Arnold 2, R. Brown, Basterfield.

CANTERBURY: El. Zein, Katsipoulou, Titilas, Lano, Mikovovic, Angonopoulos, Basterfield, Binos (Vassiliu), Thamnidis, Brown, Arnold (Theodoropoulos).

YUGAL: Bevas, Rendell, Agostino, Stanning, Clark, Bencke, McGrath (Crook), Travin, Mihajlovic, Rokodera, Tzarakis.

Referee: W. Phelps. Gabbie Stadium.

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Polonia 3 Bankstown 1

Scorers: Polonia: Stelantopolou, Juhaz (Lask), Jira, Gross, Gales, Garlowski, Divani, Sookoo (Geekie), Sobczyk, Wisniewski, Dickson.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Blackburn, Wilmot (Fraser), Couchman, Jones, Siret, Angelopoulos, (Nocera), Dolton, Drain, Gilligan, Bugla.

Polonia scored two quick goals almost following the kick-off, then went back into its shell, hoping to save the points. The game was a dour struggle which almost gave each side a point, but a miss at one end and a goal at the other in the dying seconds gave Polonia both Cup points.

It was speedy Dickson who swept past Wilmot and Couchman to push the ball back to the keeper but managed to beat him and Sookoo was on the spot to run around Giffin and pot No. 2 into an empty net.

From then on Bankstown slowly took control of the game and looked the better side. Ironically it was another gift goal which brought about Bankstown's only success. Polonia's fullback Jira was on the sideline, holding possession and surrounded by the players. Suddenly he decided to fire one and crossed the ball into his own area, attempting to find the keeper, but instead finding the head of Bugla who netted easily.

The game evened out in the second half with Bankstown determined to go forward, and Polonia being fairly dangerous through their quick counter-attacking players. With minutes remaining, Nocera missed from in front but also from an acute angle and seconds later Dickson scored at the other end after a goal mouth "melée" and that was the ball game.

WORKOUT FOR WEST, EASY WIN TO PORT

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Alan Vest's new-look West Adelaide had a good workout against Beograd in a 1-1 draw in a Group 'B' Ampol Cup match at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The match, the first for both sides in the Ampol Cup, was tough and competitive.

Beograd matched its PSL opponent for much of the second half but in the end was lucky not to have succumbed to West threatened with an all-out attacking blitz.

Defender Tom Totsikas, captain Steve Sumner, Adrian Santrac and Graham Heys all were denied in a final flurry.

Vest, although looking for cup points, used the game as a dress rehearsal for last Sunday's game against Brisbane Lions.

He played Manchester City recruit Mick Brennan, Newcastle signing Heys and teenager Tim Brown in attack. But this combination did not perform effectively.

It seems that Brown will have to drop out for winger Jimmy Wright who has the skill and speed to spur West's attack.

Brennan had a useful game, scoring with a splendid volley late in the first half to put West ahead.

But he missed three easy headers which took some of the shine off his effort.

Heys had an excellent game, particularly in the second half and will be a thorn in many PSL defences this season.

West played without two regulars — new Kiwi midfielder Alan Booth was in Auckland for NZ's international against Hungary, while Ian McGregor was out and Manecwas was out injured.

Meanwhile, in the early game, Port Adelaide opened up an early 3-0 lead and in the end cruised to a comfortable 4-2 win in its Group 'A' match.

PORT ADELAIDE 4 (Konstadopoulos 3rd, Morris 12th, Calenderis 17th, Panagis 41st) **NOARLUNGA 2** (Foy 33rd, Dunn 73rd).

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Brennan 32nd) **BEGRAD 1** (Arzinal).

PORT ADELAIDE: Konstadopoulos 7 — J. Smith 8, G. Smith 7, Coull 7, Morris 8 — Evans 7, White 7, Goode 7 — Konstadopoulos 7 (Panagis), Uranelek 8, Calenderis 7.

NOARLUNGA: A. Webb 7 — Brown 7, Dunn 8, Blinnings 7, Kitchin 7 — McAuliffe 7, McGlenon 7, Whaddington 7 — N. Webb 7, Dalgligh 7, Foy 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7 — Marlic 7, McGachy 7, Dunn 7, Totals 7 — Doorne 7 (Santrac 70th), Sumner 7, Honeymen 7 — Heys 8, Brennan 7, Brown 7 (Wright).

BEGRAD: Atkins 8 — Kallnovic 7, Good 7, Mirkic 7, Harwood 8 — Lees 7, Boyle 7, Krizman 7 (Welsh 46th, 7), Leane 7, Evans 7, Arzina 8.

AZZURRI 4 (Bojczuk 11, Frenela 28th, Smith 43rd, Manolev 78th) **PARA HILLS 0.**

Q'd boss: stop imports!

Queensland Soccer Federation president, Alderman Ian Brusasco, has called for the introduction of an "English style" system to stop a stream of overseas players flooding Australian soccer.

Brusasco said the Queensland Soccer Federation was "fully behind" him in his plans to foster Australian youth. He already had submitted details of his policy to the Australian Soccer Federation executive committee, of which he is a member.

Already the new policy has had its first casualties with Australians within three to five years unless they are internationals or there are exceptional circumstances.

Britain has tightened up on work permits to stop overseas soccer players holding back its own players.

Brusasco said the new policy has had its first casualties with Australian soccer star George Christopoulos of South Melbourne Hellas and New Zealand World Cup hero Wynton Rufer being refused work permits.

Team of the week

BOLAND (Foots JUST)

TOTSIKAS (Avala-Hellas)	HENDERSON (Marconi)	BENNETT (Brisb Lions)	SHIRRA (SM-Hellas)
DAVISON (SM-Hellas)	STONE (St.George)	KATHOLOS (Syd Olympic)	
E. CAMPBELL (St.George)	P. WILKINSON (St.George)	BROWN (Makedonia)	

CANON CLUB CLOSE-UP MELB. CROATIA



BACK ROW: Sean Patton (from J.U.S.T., 1982), Neal Mitten (Frankston City, 1980), David Brogan (Croydon, 1981), Steve Kokotaka (Sunshine City, 1977), George Radman (from Juniors), Chris Kovacs (Juniors), Mike Bozic (Juniors), Danny Ramplak (Juniors), Steve Gajovic (Juniors), Keith Adams (Ringwood-Wheelman, 1971), Kenny Murphy (Dundee, 1976).

Melbourne Croatia was the most successful Victorian club during the second half of the 1970's. The coaching genius of John Gardiner and the administrative ability of Frank Burn were integral to such success. The club was born out of a series of amalgamations and takeovers dating back almost 30 years. Croatia won the State League championship in 1966 but was expelled from the federation in 1972. In 1976 Croatians took over Lions. The club was called Essendon Lions, then Essendon Croatia. It officially changed to Melbourne Croatia State last year. It has produced eight Victorian and Australian internationalists. It has won three State League Championships, in 1968, '76, '79, four Deakentry Cups, two Almighting Cups, two State League Cups and five Amstel Cups.



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HONDURAS, back row, left to right: David Bueso, Erfrain Gutierrez, Jaime Villegas, Julio Cesar Arzu, Hector Zelaya, Anthony Costly. Front row: Fernando Buñes, Raman Maradiaga, Carlos Orlando Caballero, Jorge Urquía, Roberto Figuero.

Honduras helps El Salvador make the finals

By PETER SCOTT

Fifteen of the 22 nations which make up the membership of CONCACAF (Football Confederation of North and Central America, and the Caribbean) commenced the fight for its two spots at the World Cup finals in Spain. Six of these nations reached the play-offs in Honduras last November, where home advantage saw the locals through in first place, with El Salvador joining them after a murderous struggle for the second spot.

While Honduras is a newcomer to the world Cup finals scene, it's second time around for its neighbours, whose previous appearance was in 1970.

Remember the time? That was when emotions reached a plateau which led to the memorable and tragic "football war" between the same two countries. In 1981 it was Honduras which ensured their erstwhile enemies' participation in Spain by not sitting back on its laurels in the last match against perennial favourites Mexico.

Honduras, already qualified for Spain, fought tooth and nail for a 0-0 draw, thus opening the way for El Salvador's qualification.

Reports from the Honduran capital Tegucigalpa were full of praise for the organisation and conduct of the six team play-offs. Huge crowds attended all the matches, which were full of surprises and upsets. Almost half a million spectators paid to see the 15 matches, with receipts over the million-dollar mark. Proof of the evenness of standards is the fact that seven of the 15 games ended in a draw. Altogether 28 goals were scored, but, amazingly enough, El Salvador qualified for Spain with a combined scoreline of 2-1 from the five matches.

Mexico and Canada arrived as joint favourites, after disposing of the much touted and tipped USA team in the preliminaries, and the Mexicans did indeed have the best group of players on deck. Outstanding striker Sanchez even has made his mark with Atletico Madrid in Europe and his style is reminiscent of Keegan when at his best — but on this occasion Sanchez could only contribute three goals.

Cuban coach Tibor Ivanics revealed that according to his informants Mexico spent one and a half million dollars on its World Cup campaign. Immediately prior to the tournament the Mexicans annihilated famed Uruguayan club Nacional 5-1 and swept the Cubans aside 4-0 in Round One of the Tegucigalpa tournament.

However, this easy win did them more harm than good, as the perennial favourites suddenly thought the proceedings were to be a mere formality on the road to Spain.

Canada only fell by the wayside in its last fixture. Its team of physically outstanding players had to win by two goals against Cuba to qualify, but failed.

This in spite of the excellent performances of goalie Lettieri, defender Lenarduzzi, and striker Stojanovic. They beat the New York Cosmos 4-0 in a pre-tournament trial and spent over one million dollars, provided by La Batt's Brewery in the form of sponsorship.



Raman Maradiaga

Throughout the tournament the Canadians were running circles around most of their opponents, only to give away vital goals from outer attacks.

With three successive wins against Haiti (4-0), Cuba (2-0) and Canada (2-1), Honduras had its berth booked long before the end of "hostilities" in Tegucigalpa. Manager Chelato Herrera was praised for the excellent preparation of his squad, with good team work and unbounded enthusiasm typifying their performances.

As for Salvador, its 2-1 combined scoreline is revealing. Goalkeeper Mora was outstanding and could turn a few heads in Spain, but the rest of the team was very ordinary, with only the midfielders performing in a manner which on occasion looked like modern soccer.

Salvador's main strength is its dogged and determined defence.

Neither Honduras, nor El Salvador should cause any problems to opponents in Spain, but then Mexico didn't expect to be eliminated either.

Facts and Figures

Only El Salvador has managed to reach a previous World Cup final, in Mexico 12 years ago, but had nothing to show for its appearance — failing to get even one point.

The tournament in Tegucigalpa ended with the following result: 1. Honduras 8 pts, 2. El Salvador 6, 3. Mexico 5, 4. Canada 5, 5. Cuba 4, 6. Haiti 2. The clash between Honduras and El Salvador ended in a 0-0 draw.

Line-ups were:
Honduras: Cesar Arzu, Gutierrez, Villegas, Buñes, A. Costly, Maradiaga, Toledo, Figueroa, J. Costly (Urquía), Caballero, Bernardes.

El Salvador: Ricardo Guevarra, Javel, Rodriguez, Recinos, Osorio, Quinteros, Huazo, Rujames (Gonzalez), Alberto, Ever, Romeo (Quintanilla).

ΘΕΡΙΝΟ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Συνεχίζεται την Κυριακή το θερινό τουρνουά του Μορντιάλλοκ με αξιόλογες συναντήσεις από τις όποιες ξεχωρίζουν ή πρό τη καί η δεύτερη όπου ο Λεωνίδας θα αντιμετωπίσει το Ηπέρντον και η Κλαρίντα το Μορντιάλλοκ.

Ή αναλυτικά το πρόγραμμα έχει ως εξής:

- 12.30 ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ - ΜΙΡΑΥΤΟΝ
- 2.10 ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ - ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ
- 3.50 ΔΟΞΑ - ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ
- 5.30 ΕΝ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ - ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

Τό Τσάνστον και ο Πυθαγόρας δεν αγωνίζονται αυτή την εβδομάδα.

ΚΥΠΕΛΟ ΠΟΡΤ ΜΕΑΝΠΟΥΣ

Την Κυριακή για το κύπελλο του Πόρτ Μέλ μπουρν θα διεξαχθούν οι εξής συναντήσεις:

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- ΣΕΝΤΡΑΛ Σ. - ΠΑΝΕΡΡΑΤΙΚΟΣ
- ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛΑ - ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ

Οι αγώνες έχουν ώρα έναρξης 1.00 μ.μ.

ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ

Είς 27 Φεβρουαρίου 1982 ο Λεωνίδας έχει Γενική Συνέλευση στο Γκρήν Χιλ Ρέστωραν και ώρα 3.30 μ.μ.

ΤΖΟΥΝΙΟΡΕ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΣ

Από την περασμένη Κυριακή άρχισαν στο Μίντλ Πάρκ με μεγάλη επιτυχία οι προπονήσεις των Τζούνιόρς της ΕΛΛΑΣ Μεταβόρνης.

Όπως μας είπε ο αντιπρόεδρος κ.Τζιμης Κασίδας, όλοι οι γονείς είναι ευχρόδικοι να γράψουν τα παιδιά τους.

ΖΗΤΟΥΝΤΑΙ ΠΡΟΝΟΗΤΕΣ

Προπονητές για τα Τζούνιόρς των ομάδων της ζήτησε η ΔΟΞΑ. Τηλ.682068.

ΗΤΑΝ ΑΥΣΗ ΑΥΤΗ;

Ξαφνικά ξέσπασε ένα σοβαρό θέμα στον "Α Λέξανδρο, σχετικό με το γήπεδό του.

Συγκεκριμένα ο αντιπρόεδρος και επί του τόπου του συλλόγου κ.Στρίβ Γουίλλιαμς εί την γνώμη του, πώς δηλαδή δεν είναι ο κατάλληλος καιρός για να προχωρήσει ο νέγας στο έργο του γηπέδου.

Ο Ισχυρισμός του δεν μπορούμε να πούμε ότι δεν στηρίζονται κάπου και αν έπρεπε να σέ κάτι ο κ.Γουίλλιαμς, όπως μας τόνισε, ήταν για το καλό του "Αλέξανδρου.

Τελικά την επιμονή του την πλήρωσε με την αφαίρεση των τίτλων του. "Ο πρόεδρος κ.Στρίβ Γουίλλιαμς του ζήτησε να παραιτηθεί και έπειδή δεν δέχθηκε, του άφησαν να αντιπροεδρεύει και το πόστο επί του τόπου.

Τό ποιός έχει δικίο ή όχι θά το δούμε στο μέλλον. Τότε θά ξεκαθαρίσουμε και πάλι το θέμα και θά κάνουμε την κριτική μας. Ποιός θά δικαιωθεί; "Ο κ.Γουίλλιαμς και το υπόλοιπο Δ.Συμβούλιο που ψήφισαν εκτός από δύο (έριξαν λευκό) εις βάρος του κ.Γουίλλιαμς και που θέλουν τώρα να συνεχισθούν τα έργα στο "Ολύμπικ Βίλιτζ" και να μπει ο νέγας στο δικό του γήπεδο ή ο κ.Γουίλλιαμς που να μην θέλει την ανέγερση των κεραιδών και την εγκατάσταση του συλλόγου στο Χάιτελμπερκ αλλά όχι τώρα γιατί τα χρήστη κτιρίου μανυρά ομάδα είναι μεγάλα;

Πάντως η απόμεινση του τόσο πεπειραμένου αυτού παράγοντα από τα δύο αυτά πόστα δεν νομίζουμε ότι ήταν η σωστή λύση. "Υπήρχαν λύσεις καλύτερες και πιο φύλαμες. "Βιτιμάμε τον κ.Γουίλλιαμς και πρόθεσή μας είναι να τον βοηθήσουμε στο δύσκολο αυτό έργο του αλλά γνώμη μας είναι ότι χρειάζεται την βοήθεια όλων και του κ.Γουίλλιαμς. Οι γροθιές επάνω στο μαχαίρι είναι επικίνδυνες.

ΔΟΞΑ ΠΑΡΑΡΑΙΑ

Τρεις μεγάλες μεταγραφές θά κάνει η Δόξα Γιάρραβιλ εντός της εβδομάδας.

Ηδη απέκτησε ένα νεαρό ταλαντούχο ποδοσφαιριστή που αγωνίζεται στην Μικτή Βικτωρίας κάτω των 18 ετών.

Επίσης άρχισε προπονήσεις ο πεπειραμένος Κώστας Καραπαναγιωτίδης και πιστεύεται ότι θά βοηθήσει θετικά την ομάδα.

ΠΕΛΟΠΑΣ

Έλληνικό Συμβούλιο πλέον ο Πέλοπας. Τό είδαμε με απόλυτη ευχαρίστηση και ήταν κάτι που τό περιμέναμε από καιρό.

Όσο και να βοηθούσαν τά ξένα άτομα μέσα στον σύλλογο, και δέν αφιβάλλει κανένας γι' αυτό, εν τούτοις κατά την γνώμη μας χαλούσαν την ατμόσφαιρα την ελληνική.

Χειροκροτάμε λοιπόν τό νέο Δ.Συμβούλιο υπό τον κ.Νίκο Πανταζή πρόεδρο.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Κάθε Τρίτη και Παρασκευή προπονείται ή Ένωση Ποντίων στό γήπεδο του Ρίτσμοντ. "Από την ομάδα απουσιάζουν πρός τό παρόν δύο πεπειραμένοι βασικοί παίκτες οι όποιοι θά είναι έτοιμοι με την έναρξη του πρωταθλήματος.

ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛΑ

Τόν πεπειραμένο Κώστα Γαμβρέλη απέκτησε τό ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛΑ από την Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ.

Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Άκδη δεν μάθαμε ποιός θά αναλάβει πρόπονητή στην Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ. Οι υπεύθυνοι γιατί δέν αναθέτουν την πρόπονηση της ομάδας στον Τζήκη Μανταρήνη που ήταν πέρυσι και στο κάτω - κάτω δέν τά πήγε και ασχολία;

ΤΟ ΘΕΡΙΝΟ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Η 2η ημέρα στο θερινό τουρνουά του Μορντιάλλοκ ανέδειξε νικητές την διοργανώτρια, την Κλαρίντα, τό Μάλβερν ενό ή "Εν. Ποντίων και τό Σπρινκβίλντ έφεραν "X".

ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ - ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ 1 - 2

Άτυχος ο Λεωνίδας έχασε καλές ευκαιρίες για να πάρει την νίκη που τελικά χαμογέλασε στο Μορντιάλλοκ.

Σκόρερς για την νικήτρια ο Νικχάλοπουλος και για τον Λεωνίδα ο Στρατάκης.

Ξεχώρισαν οι Λαζόγκας, Νικχάλοπουλος, Λάμπ - ρου (Μορντιάλ) και Στρατάκης (Λεων.)

ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ 2 - ΤΣΑΝΣΤΟΝ 0

Σε καλή ημέρα ή Κλαρίντα και με γκολ των Καπαρντίνα και Τοπαλίδη, πήρε δίκαια την νίκη.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ 1 - ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ 1

Οι αντίπαλοι μοιράστηκαν από ένα γκολ και από ένα βαθμό.

Σκόρερς οι Κατσόβιο (Ποντ.) και Μπαζέλης (Σπρινκβ.)

ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ 0 - ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ 2

Παρά του ότι ή υπερροχή ήταν μοιρασμένη τό Μάλβερν πήρε την νίκη. Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι Διδίος και Λιχούδης.

ΚΥΠΕΛΟ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Τά αποτελέσματα της περασμένης Κυριακής έχουν ως εξής: Κώλφοντ 1 Πανελλήνιος 0 ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛΑ 2 Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ 0, Πανσερρατικός 2 "Απόλλων 1 και Σέντραλ Σ. - Φλώρινα 2 - 0

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"



Clifton Hill striker John Liakopoulos.

THE DRAW

GROUP ONE (at Vigo and Coruna): 1 Italy, 2 Poland, 3 Peru, 4 Cameroon.

GROUP TWO (Gijon and Oviedo): 5 West Germany, 6 Algeria, 7 Chile, 8 Austria.

GROUP THREE (Barcelona, Alicante and Elches): 9 Argentina, 10 Belgium, 11 Hungary, 12 El Salvador.

GROUP FOUR (Bibao and Valladolid): 13 England, 14 France, 16 Czechoslovakia, 16 Kuwait.

GROUP FIVE (Valencia and Zaragoza): 17 Spain, 18 Honduras, 19 Yugoslavia, 20 Northern Island.

GROUP SIX (Seville and Malaga): 21 Brazil, 22 Soviet Union, 23 Scotland, 24 New Zealand.

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